

Colorado AWSC Virtual Meeting

January 23, 2023

Opening - Chair Nancy R. brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. We began with the Serenity Prayer. Nancy read the purpose of the AWSC meeting from our Service Manual. Edward in Denver read the Traditions. Bill in Greeley read the Concepts.

Roll Call - Nancy will download the attendance list from Zoom. Members present:

See attached Zoom attendee list.

Nancy is counting from the roster that these Districts are without DRs: 1, 2, 10, 14, 18, 19, 22, 24, and 25

Approval of the Minutes – Approval of minutes from November 5th at the Winter Assembly. John B, DR 13 moved to approve the November AWSC minutes as presented. Kathy, DR 8 seconded. Minutes passed.

Officer Reports -

Chair report: Nancy R.

-Announced our next Assembly is in March, please refer to the Agenda for tonight with a list of all of the upcoming events. We have yet to have a walkthrough for the March Assembly, separate building and separate rooms, host district is District 8. AA working on Assembly space for 2024, there may be one in Fort Collins, but we'll see.

Alt. Delegate Tom B. - Financial summary, we've done very well for the year, probably will be positive 3-4K income, which is good because we started with a 7-8K deficit. Almost \$3700 came in from WIA that we didn't expect this year. Thank you Erika and your team. Coordinators and Officers spent a lot less than expected. Our Assemblies costs were less too. Will work with our accountant to file our taxes for the year.

Delegate Kari O. - Reviewed her presentation. See attached.

-Updates and Announcements - 2022-2025 Service Manual printed version may be available mid-February.

-2023 World Service Conference theme will be Love, Laugh & Grow Together, April 20-23, 2023 in Virginia Beach. This year Delegates can bring love gifts from their Area to share. Mail to 2255 Eagles Nest Drive, Lafayette, CO 80026 and can receive mail at the conference after April 15th, address in presentation.

-Registration is open for the 2023 Al-Anon International Conference June 29-July 2, 2023 in ABQ.

Treasurer Kellie F. - Get your expenses in within the next 30 days for the Winter Assembly so she can get you reimbursed and get it on the books. Reminder that she moved so there is a new address for Area donations. Please check the website for the new address and put your group number on your donation.

Secretary Kara E. - Nothing new to report.

Kathy, DR8 wants the minutes posted on the website.

Kara sends Assembly minutes to all the current GRs and AWSC. Scott posts the minutes on the website and doesn't know if they should be posted as draft or once they are approved.

Kathy wants the drafts posted on the website and then updated with the final. She wants to post the drafts and then send the link to her GRs.

Nancy says that it seems like they are being posted when they can be and it was time to move on.

Coordinator, DR & Liaison Reports -

AAPP - Suzanne - We have about 37 AMIAS, 37 were certified in 2022 and we are hoping they will all recertify in 2023. Will work with Karis on our new training requirement. Deadline is March 31st for recertifications to get to Suzanne.

Q-Deborah asked where do we get the paperwork? A- On the website - go to coordinators and then Alateen Coordinator, there is a whole list of forms, then contact Karis to get signed up for the training. Q- Is the paperwork in Spanish? A - I don't know, Suzanne will check and get back to her. Deborah - There are people in District 25 who want it. Suzanne - If there isn't, there are two pages, can you help me get them translated? Deb - Yes, send them to me.

WIA Coordinator - Erika speaking on behalf of Dana - Confirmed early October as their date. Wants to know from Tom about setting up a checking account for WIA. Tom said to have someone from the committee to contact him and he will work with them and the bank.

Alateen Coordinator - Karis said training is underway. They have had 3 - Nov, Dec, Jan. There are 2 more in Feb and in March.

We are officially underway with training. Training started in November and we have had three trainings to date. 17 current AMIAS have trained, 4 non current AMIAS have trained, most are in the certification process. 5 current AMIAS are not planning to recertify, 1 AMIAS said no to training [calling themselves retired]. AMIAS who have participated, up to this point, have been very grateful for the training. There has been positive feedback for continued annual training. Training also provides a time for sharing experience, strength, and hope with one another.

The training will be available on Zoom, for now. Training takes approximately three hours. Please note that we are still in a trial period and we are also working out logistics. The purpose of this training is safety for AMIAS

and Alateen, to be prudent and take care of our fellowship as members in Al-Anon and Alateen, and to help the families of alcoholics.

I am working with Suzanne, AAPP on who has trained to be able to recertify.

Love in service, Karis H

Colorado Area Alateen Coordinator

Literature/Forum coordinator - Marsha - New Daily Reader, "A Little Time for Myself", will be available at the International Convention. Forum is asking for written submissions, anything is welcome. They would like to see reviews on *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships*. Go to Al-anon.org/forumshare to fill out an electronic form to submit your experience, strength, and hope around the literature. The CAL most requested that is on the out of stock list is "Reaching for Personal Freedom" and "Blueprints for Progress".

Q - Rick asked Karis if there is a plan to translate the training into Spanish. A - There is a plan, Karis is working with Deborah, but also going through and editing. The best thing is to ask Deborah to be included in the training for now.

Spanish Coordinator - District 25 doesn't have a DR, but she has been invited to their meetings and sharing on their behalf. The people who attended the Assembly in the Fall are interested in the training. Deborah reached out to Karis and also reached out to others who can help, set dates, and Deborah is working on getting it in place to get those who want training in Spanish and she can do the live interpretation until it can be printed in Spanish.

Website Coordinator - Scott - the Website crashed in October. Still dealing with bugs from that. GoDaddy customer service is great, but shorthanded, so could be 1-2+ hours to talk to someone. Scott has some expenses, had to pull in some higher expertise to help, but the cost was nothing extreme. The event calendar is not showing up like it used to. This is a bug that is bigger than GoDaddy or Al-Anon. The calendar still works, but not like we are used to.

Records Coordinator - Willard - Since the beginning of the year, there are 3 new face to face meetings in the Area. One in DR 13, one in Weld, one in DR 8. Records are being maintained, getting ready for the Assembly. On Dec. 11th, with Kari and Nancy, we had a virtual workshop for getting records up to date. It was recorded and Willard can forward you the link. Discussed how to submit changes, or new meetings, and electronic only new meetings. Scott said he put it on the website under Winter Assembly docs. It was a one-off, so he didn't really know where to put it and is happy to move it if we think there is a better place to house the recording.

DASC - Chuck - Despite all concerns to the contrary the Denver Area Service Center is alive and well. We recently signed a new 6-month lease on our current office space. We would stay there longer but the property will eventually be demolished and redeveloped.

We continue to get lots of phone calls from people looking for their first meeting. We help find a meeting close to them and walk them through what to expect. Of note, we get 2 or 3 calls a

week from people looking for Alateen. We refer them to the only in person meeting we have (Boulder) and explain how to find online meetings.

DASC is fully stocked with CAL. Indeed, we have begun stocking a 2-month supply of our most popular CAL to be sure we do not run out.

Our biggest challenge is the lack of volunteers. We have 16 phone shifts a week with only 5 or 6 consistent volunteers. Additionally, we will have Board elections in May and need people to step up for that service.

State Convention - Jim - ongoing meetings, flier in English and Spanish, will send it to Scott for the Website. Stampede going on in Greeley, March Assembly, and then State Convention in Greeley in the first week of September. Jim is working with Bill and TMF and will be meeting once a month.

Nancy asked if anyone was present from DR 16 for Day in Alanon. No one was.

Public Outreach Coordinator - Margarita - Getting ready to do better service. Will show it and start working on it.

Old Business –

Task Force: Selling of Literature at Area Events – Chuck presented

In attendance: Chuck N., Marcia S., Dennis G., and Sharon T.

1. Literature should be sold at area events.
2. An LDC registered with WSO should be the seller.
3. The assembly host should invite the closest LDC first. If they are unable to serve, invite the next closest, etc.
4. The LDC will be responsible for staffing their booth.
5. We discussed the location of the sales booth. We thought that it was situational. For example: the location in Burlington offered nothing but the back of the room. The DoubleTree in Greenwood Village has space at the back of the room, but sales (both to AI-Anon and AA) might be better in the hallway outside the room. Additionally, it might be beneficial to set up the booth at the Saturday night speaker's meeting.
6. We discussed insurance coverage for the seller. DASC has its own Liability Insurance policy. For those that do not, special event coverage can be purchase for between \$12 and \$20.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023.

Q - Tom asked if the committee addressed other Area events, DIA, WIA, State Convention. A- Yes we have discussed and will bring recommendations to the Assembly

Thought Force: Moving one In-person Assembly to Virtual per Year -

Kellie is on the Thought Force and wasn't planning to report, but can say that they didn't get many responses to the survey. There doesn't seem to be a lot of will from the Assembly to continue this committee but maybe the Assembly should consider a new Thought Force for bringing a hybrid option to the Assemblies.

Nancy had conversations with Deb, chair of the Thought Force, around the suggestion to drop it, but it will be brought to the Assembly for discussion, since it did originate on the Assembly floor. Deb said she will have a report to the AWSC before the Assembly.

Task Force: Transitioning electronic meetings into our Area structure.

Mike R shared on this and showed his report. **See screenshot attached.** He said they are doing really well. Can we present it at the March Assembly? Nancy will talk to Mike about the details.

New Business –

-Chosen Agenda Items (CAI) from CO to the WSC - Kari shared her presentation.

Kari wants to talk about 2023. Considerations for 2023 WSC are due by March 24th.

1. With waning service participation at all levels and critical to our survival, how does our increasing number of members of other 12 step programs become relevant to the diversity discussion? 30% of our membership participates in another 12 step program.
2. Top-Down or Bottom-Up Service Structure? CAI on WSC Topic Submission
3. Other possibilities...

Q - Kathy DR8 asked how do these get chosen again from the WSC? A - Each delegate gets to submit 2. The delegates vote on them.

Q - Janice DR11 was wondering if we can try again and submit the diversity one that wasn't chosen last time? A - Yes, it wasn't chosen. In the Chairman of the Board letter that came out, there was a topic called the Envisioned Future Work Group - An outside consultant will present at the next board meeting and the board will continue to have discussions on this topic. Kari said she can repost the one we had for diversity again, if that is what Colorado would like, but she's pretty sure we will already be discussing it.

There were no other shares. Kari said we have until March 24th and is happy to have Colorado's voice represented.

-Workshop for next Assembly

Nancy said we started the year with Conflict Resolution and would like to continue. Maybe instead of a thought force, we do a workshop on Diversity or Diversity and Public Outreach. Another thought was tradition 3 and 5, focusing on ourselves vs. others at our meetings, but

maybe that can be during GR Connection, regarding obstacles at meetings. If you have other ideas, please send them to Nancy or Kari.

Marilyn asked if we may want to take one of the CAI and use that as a workshop if the topic is relevant to us in the Area. Nancy said yes, it seems like people are interested and wanting to do this.

Kathy DR8 shared that she was at a workshop where a young person raised a good question about having diverse groups represented. If we present this as a workshop at an Assembly, we should discuss having other people represented.

Janice DR11 said if you wanted 8 people who wanted to be on a task force, then it does sound like diversity is something people want to talk about.

Joanne (IT/Media) asked what the procedure is to decide on a workshop? Nancy said it probably is what comes up and maybe a discussion with the officers. She will take ideas and we will see what floats to the top. Kari said a lot of the workshops we've done so far are other workshops we've gotten from other meetings, conferences, etc. Delusion of our program came up a lot. Kari would like to do something around delusion. The article in the forum talked about lingo in our name, outside words coming into our program, and how that dilutes our program. Bringing in lingo that is not AI-Anon language, reading the legacies, obstacles at meetings, and discussing spiritual principles that help around that. Kathy and Suzanne would like that. Kari thought about opening with "Where is it in our Service Manual?" Margarita talked about an experience she had regarding this topic and agrees, she would like to do a workshop on it.

Nancy asked for any burning desires. Karis asked about doing AMIAS training at Assemblies. Not sure what the attendance would look like, would like to try it and see. Thought she would ask. Tom asked if this was around certification or if this is about issues with the training. Karis said it is about offering the actual training at the Assemblies. [Then Karis dropped out - tech difficulties.]

Nancy closed the meeting with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara E.
Colorado Area Secretary