

Colorado AWSC Virtual Meeting

May 21, 2023

Opening - Chair Nancy R. began with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Suzanne read the Steps. Tom B. read the Traditions. Nancy read the purpose of the AWSC meeting from our Service Manual.

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

See attached Zoom attendee list.

Approval of the Minutes – Approval of minutes from March 24th at the Spring Assembly. Bill F., DR 7 moved to approve the March AWSC minutes as presented. Kim M, DR 16 seconded. One abstention. Minutes passed.

Officer Reports -

Chair report: Nancy R.

Nancy said she doesn't really have a report. She's been writing for days, focusing her energy on this organization and wow'd by our last assembly and all the work that we did.

Alt. Delegate Tom B. - Our tax returns are in process so should be completed prior to our July Assembly, earlier than last year. Thanks to Kellie. We can discuss what our prudent reserve is and what may go to the WSO. We've set September 9th for the special AWSC meeting, primarily focused on our budget for 2024. We are deciding if it will be virtual or in person. We will be asking for anything that needs to go into the budget that may affect your position.

Delegate Kari O. - Kari was not present and did not share a report. Nancy said Kari does plan to make a full report from the WSC at the next Assembly.

Treasurer Kellie F. - Kellie was not present during this time and did not share a report.

Secretary Kara E. - Nothing new to report. Nancy added that the ask is to get reports in before the next assembly.

Old Business

Consideration of Hybrid Assemblies - Putting together a Thought Force and has some volunteers, but looking for others. Pros and cons of putting on a hybrid assembly. Will be looking for a delegate to be on that committee too. Kim M said that she knows that South Carolina moved to a hybrid Assembly and it's working out well. Tom asked if Mike who chaired the other committee would be a possibility. He sort of has some of the e-committee behind him

and thinks it could be a good idea to ask him if he wants to be involved. Joanne said it makes sense for her to be on the committee, but she is overbooked, so she will let Nancy know if that changes.

New Business

New Topics for AWSC and Assembly - How do we get new topics from both the AWSC and the Assembly into the Agendas. This has come up at the WSC as well. Is there anyone here who would like to bring to this body any new topics or business?

-Digital Archives Accessibility - already added - Dennis is not able to talk about this at this time. Nancy had conversations with Donna D. at the assembly and said that now that a lot of the archives have been digitized, how do we make this available to people and to who? Nancy asked for discussion and comments.

Tom said some of our speakers and oral histories have been digitized. There seems like so much more and a long term process. Dennis has been in touch with other archivists in the other areas. They are minimally paid employees of their area. It's like an ongoing office, some have been doing it for a very long time. Biggest issue is transferring it from paper into the cloud and they are in several different boxes. Dennis said $\frac{3}{4}$ of the archived speakers are done. We have to spend money to put it into the cloud, but we have to spend money to do that. Scott, Website, added that we had to eliminate some of our old PDFs, so our current website would not be able to handle the capacity. We can have a link to where it may be in the cloud, but it couldn't be housed on our website. Tom asked if there is an extra fee for our website to host a larger capacity? Scott said yes, probably through Go Daddy, but it would probably be cheaper to go to the cloud. It would probably be a little pricey whichever way we go.

-AAPP Concerns - already added - Suzanne reached out and got info from other areas. Suzanne gave a recap of what she said at the Assembly. Her concerns are that she is certifying the new applicant and recertifications, but she doesn't know who they are. We do a background check, but we have other requirements, being 2 years in AI-Anon, etc. She is uncomfortable certifying these AMIAS's have met the behavior and safety guidelines. She reached out to other AAPPs in AFG Connects. Received 5-6 responses from Areas with stricter requirements. Suzanne will put the word out again. Her opinion is that it is a legal issue if a minor is somehow compromised and not sure who would be pulled in, but probably her for signing those forms.

Tom asked if anyone responded to the actual signing of the documentation, or how they handle it? He thinks CA has the DR sign off before the Area does. Suzanne doesn't think so, rather they responded about their processes. Tom said that Kellie is working to come up with specific questions that a lawyer would need to help us. We would get better legal advice if we give them the form and ask specific questions, and Kellie is willing to talk to Suzanne about that.

Karis said she attends the Alateen Coordinator meetings that happen once a month and sometimes the AAPP attends, she has asked that question. Some of them do both jobs. The same concern came up about signing. Other areas have their districts sign off too, some have added a psychiatrist to sign off on emotional health.

-Marcia would like to see a scholarship fund created for the GRs or DRs to request funding to help them attend the in person assembly.

-Karis has been thinking about the new Alateen Coordinator coming in, what's been happening with the 3 year trial period happening, not a solidified job description yet. Would like to hear discussion from AWSC about a new job description of this new coordinator position and the transition to help train the trainer. Tom asked if there is anyone she knows who wants or is willing to stand for the Alateen Coordinator position. She has not. Nancy said we talked about a skit or speed dating to discuss the different positions before the final election assembly. Attraction not promotion, but it could be helpful for people to know what is involved. Karis said that one of the thoughts was to step right into the AAPP directly from the Alateen Coordinator position, so they already have a relationship with some of the AMIASs that they have been training. Opportunity to work with the new Alateen Coordinator and still have a relationship with the AMIASs.

-Edward brought up giving extra funding to send people to SWRDM. Tom said that because Teri submitted it we are circling back for more information from her and will discuss as a finance committee how/if we want to include it.

-Joanne suggested a year of overlap for the outgoing IT person and the incoming IT person. It would help to have some training. Nancy thought of Archives, Alateen, but not IT, so adding that.

If you ever get any other ideas, please send Nancy an email

Summer Assembly - Host Committee Update - Joleen is the DR for the host district (district 21). Nancy has no new updates. She plans to go to the walkthrough beforehand. There's an AA flier, but no Al-Anon flier yet. Kim M has a question about the next assembly being so soon after the International convention. There are 5 days between them. Nancy said it's tight, but that's the way it is.

Host District for Fall AWSC/Budget meeting - September 9, 2023 - if in person - by Summer Assembly, we will know, so will not ask now.

International Convention 2023 is in Albuquerque, June 29-July 2 - AA's international convention is in 2024

Nancy said she has finished the agenda for the Summer Assembly and will send it out soon.

Coordinator, DR & Liaison Reports -

DRs who were interested gave reports - District 16 had 2 events and every meeting is getting a few more people; TMF shared a report for District 20 via chat to Nancy; Bill F shared about District 7 and has GRs for all of the groups; Edward shared about increased public outreach within District 12 where they did a health fair and 2 presentations for the government housing authority, also shared that groups have just a few attendees and some have gone back to in person - will have a booth at Pridefest June 24-25 in Civic Center Park; Janice with District 11 shared that they participated in a couple of health fairs and contributing \$100 for the pridefest booth and we will invite a member of the panel to district meetings to talk about their position and answer other questions and she will reach out

Alateen Coordinator - Karis shared that the months of April and May have been hot topic discussion with current AMIAS (AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service), on the topic of suicide. It has been a great space to share experience strength and hope with one another. It has been a great opportunity for AMIAS, that more hot topic discussions will continue monthly.

The next AMIAS training is May 27th, 10:30am-130pm, via Zoom.

Training will be offered the months of June 2023 through September 2023 for any District that would like AMIAS training, as needed or requested. I can offer training via Zoom or face to face.

Training will be offered monthly, via Zoom, starting in October 2023 and running through March 2024. Training dates will be posted coming in August.

Records Coordinator - Willard - Sent out a new AWSC roster via email. At the assembly he will have a list of monthly district meeting schedules within the area. Spoke to Joleen about them hosting the summer assembly and they said they are looking for a lot of help with the silent auction. We have 2 official electronic groups, one in district 13 and one in district 12. There are at least 2 others in the queue. It is taking a long time, as there must be a lot flooding the AFG records. We were informed that it could take 3-6 weeks and maybe longer.

Website Coordinator - Scott - Before July 1st he needs to install the new Google Analytics, which allows us to do tracking within the website. It's a major rollout from the company. We are aware of it and capable of it.

State Convention - Jim - Meeting on a monthly basis with AA and also meeting with Bill and TMF on Al-Anon specific topics, 5 workshops, 4 meetings, has 5 speakers, working on timing. Brooke will do a workshop at the International Convention and the State Convention on the new book. Jim asked and Dennis said he will be there with an archives display.

Literature/Forum Coordinator - Marcia - It is History Month for Al-Anon, there are recordings available on al-anon.org of Lois and the founders.

Denver Area Service Center - Marcia - Liaison moved to FL so we are looking for a new Liaison and there are other positions available

Public Outreach Coordinator - Margarita - Getting information for the 365 fair for the summer and the fall. District 24 wants to put public outreach posters around their district. The Area may help them with that. Tom said it would have to come out of her budget.

AAPP - Suzanne - Our area's recertification process has closed. We currently have 41 AMIASs, more than 50% of them are brand new. We think we have 5 current Alateen meetings in the entire Area. Willard confirmed in our records that there are 7 Alateen meetings, district 2 and district 4, just added.

Nancy closed the meeting with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara E.
Colorado Area Secretary