

## AWSC Meeting, July 7, 2023

### Colorado Area, Greenwood Village, CO

**OPENING:** Chair Nancy opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer and then we split into the two rooms. Debbe read the Steps. Kari read the Traditions. Kathy read the Concepts. Nancy opened the AWSC with the purpose of the AWSC.

**ROLL CALL:** Secretary Kara E. took roll. Members present during roll were **District Representatives:** Wendy - 02, Kathy C. - 08, Tom F. - 09, Kara (Alt) – 11, Edward - 12, John B. – 13, Mike (GR) - 24, Juanita - 25; **Coordinators:** Karis – Alateen, Dennis – Archives, Willard – Group Records, Joanne – IT/Media, Marcia - Literature/Forum, Deborah - Spanish, Scott - Website; **Event Chairs:** Jim C. State Convention Chair 2023; **Service Center Liaisons:** Mary Rose - Pikes Peak Service Center; **Service Center Coordinators:** Marcia - DASC Office Coordinator; **Officers:** Nancy – Chair, Tom B. - Alt-Delegate, Kari - Delegate, Kellie – Treasurer, Kara – Secretary; **Past Delegates:** Nancy B. - Panel 32, Dennis G. - Panel 38, Tom B. – Panel 47, Teri M. - Panel 50, Debbe – Panel 52/Texas, Marilyn B. - Panel 53.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Karis, Alateen Coordinator, moved to approve the May 21, 2023 AWSC minutes. Joanne, IT/Media, seconded the motion. There were 4 abstentions. The minutes were approved.

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

Chair Nancy mentioned she had many interactions with coordinators, DRs, GRs, and the board this session and it's been a really busy time. She will deliver a full report tomorrow.

Alternate Delegate - Tom B. reminded the AWSC that September 9th is the Budget Meeting and reminded everyone that as part of the AWSC they are invited to attend. Your input into the budget is critical. If you have any changes, updates, additions, or asks, please get them to both Kellie and Tom before the AWSC Budget Meeting. It will be virtual and will start at 9:00 am. We have an excess of \$9992 or something like that and it will be sent to the WSO.

Delegate Kari will give her report tomorrow.

Treasurer Kellie announced that she has the checkbook and the expense forms all weekend, so please get those to her within 30 days of the assembly. \$250 per Assembly is your budget. If you've sent her a reimbursement and you think she owes you money, please don't be afraid and come see her. That does not include your coordinator budget. You can put them all on the same reimbursement slip, though, and she can break it out, but still give you one check.

Secretary Kara did not have a report

#### **COORDINATOR/DR/Liaison REPORTS:**

*Lit/Forum* - Marcia - The cases of *A Little Time for Myself* arrived today. That's the big news!

*Alateen Coordinator* - Karis - AMIAS training has been slow this summer. Waiting until she has more than one or two people to conduct the training. Focusing on connecting with the AMIAS on hot topics. Three major topics discussed are suicide, sex and sexuality, and outreach. She reached out to the AMIAS for discussion in hopes of finding a possible solution. Plans to post training dates on the website. Tom asked how many new AMIAS's have come in. Karis said she has a total, which is 44.

*Website* - Scott - We received an email from California asking us what our website standards are. Tom found them, last updated in 2005. They said, Assembly minutes and Butterfly should not be added to the website. Plans to bring it to the Assembly to change or amend these procedures. Nothing else to really be amended but needs to keep a close eye on personal info that may be on there, ie. fliers. The document was found on the website.

Tom said the Assembly can approve and adopt them. The AWSC can look at them and approve, bringing them to the Assembly, affirm that they can amend them with one vote. Most likely in November.

Kari said they did policy updates at the WSC and wants to make sure our publishing policy references our service manual.

*Records* - Willard read his report

Report by AGRC to Colorado Area Assembly (July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023)  
Building our Future (AFG Records).  
AGRC Meeting with Valerie S. and Scot P.  
June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Since last Area Assembly, AFG Records (WSO) has completed the following:

- 1) Registered Permanent Electronic Groups within the Colorado Area are listed (findable) in the Meeting Finder Application on the AI-Anon.org website. The "pin" that represents the meeting is a darker shade of blue, and shaped like a small computer screen. Clicking on it opens an information window, including a link to the meeting's virtual address.
- 2) Hybrid (EX) meetings are recognized by AFG Records as a valid meeting type. They don't have to do anything. Both Electronic and Hybrid (EX) meetings can go back to a Face-to-face format (if desired).
- 3) Global Electronic Meeting search. For Global Electronic Area meetings only. Meetings are listed chronologically, according to the searcher's Time Zone. One platform per search. One variable (per type) allowed per search.
- 4) Decided to discontinue the use of paper for any Group Registration/Update change forms. Electronic input and forms only.

What's coming up:

- 1) AFG Records has asked that Temporary Electronic Groups complete their transition to becoming a Permanent Electronic Group in the next 6 to 12 months.
- 2) Allowing more positions to have read only access to Electronic Group Records. DR's, AIS, and Area Officers (for example).

*Spanish Coordinator* - Deborah introduced Juanita, the new DR for District 25. They both went to Pride to represent Al-Anon, but no one stopped by the booth. She will help with AMIAS Spanish training in September. District 25 has at least 3 GRs that she saw tonight in the other room.

*IT/Media* - Joanne mentioned that she thinks the IT/Media role should be a 2 person position because of the set up and transport of all of the equipment and there is a big learning curve, so perhaps one person starts before the next person ends, always someone knows and always someone is learning. She really needs someone dependable and committed to help, so she would like another funded position. Joanne said she almost couldn't come to this conference because she was ill, so having an alternate would be helpful.

Karis suggested starting with a job description, to include the time required, equipment, knowledge, etc. Joanne said she got to storage at 4 pm and barely set up by 7 pm.

Tom is concerned if we have 2 people then it could be a 4 or 6 year position. Perhaps we make it an off year position, like 2 years and 2 years. Marilyn asked if this is something where a thought force might be helpful to Joanne to think through.

Tom F. shared that if we do a thought force it will be 3 years before we resolve this, but she says she needs help now.

Deborah shared that this has come up at other Assemblies and we talked about having a committee of helpers and maybe we can follow through with that until a thought force or something could come to a resolution.

Wendy suggested perhaps someone hosting the Assembly can help with the manpower. Sounds like there are two different issues, though.

Kari said that in some Areas this is a paid position and is outsourced because it takes a certain skillset.

Nancy said she really doesn't want to do a thought force. She suggests Joanne try to put something together for November and bring it back to the AWSC. Kellie suggested we can make a decision at the September 9th AWSC.

Karis asked who do we ask about the outside help?

Teri is looking at the guidelines and said it wouldn't be a Thought Force. Wouldn't it go to the Guidelines, page 6? The Alternate-Delegate and the past delegates would help with this. What Joanne is asking is for something immediate and this is a standing committee.

Tom asked if Edward could poll the Host committee (District 12) if they have manpower, set up/break down for the next Assembly in November.

*State Convention Chair* - Jim reported he is working with the AA chair. We have 2 meditation workshops, an additional 6 workshops (The Art of Letting Go, Forgiveness, Steps 10/11/12, and the new daily reader), an Alateen meeting, including Archives, Alateen, hospitality, and hopefully Spanish will be helping out too. Jim also asked if there would be time for those who went to the International

Convention to share their experience, strength, and hope for those who didn't attend. Nancy said she would try to find a time within the agenda.

DR25 - Juanita - If the Spanish speaking people want a space in the Civic Center during Cinco de Mayo, can we ask for help to get money to support that? Nancy said to talk to the Public Outreach coordinator. Kellie also reminded the AWSC that there is the Special Funds Request form that can be submitted to the Finance Committee.

DR2 - Wendy - She said she is brand new and was just voted in in June. She's glad to be back and not sure what to report. She is super excited to get started, as they have been dark for a while. We had 8 people in person and 5 people virtual at our district meeting in June. In Grand Junction alone, we have 8 meetings. We don't have GRs and hope to get that going.

Kari asked Jim if we have lodging information yet. He said yes there is a flier on the website for the State Convention.

DR24 - Mike is a GR and announced that their district is going through a transition. They have a literature distribution center that no one knows about. The WSO knows about them, but they are seeking guidance for how to let the Area know about them. They are doing a big outreach event in Loveland. Benches and bus shelters with a message asking if you have a problem with someone's drinking. They do not have a DR. They just want to know the proper channels to keep a bus bench going for another month, which would be \$400. Transitioned a new treasurer. Trying to follow the Service Manual, concepts and traditions.

Marcia said they are not registered as an AISC also (Area Information Service Center), so they are not on a public listing. As just an LDC they are not listed. Marcia and Mike will discuss more outside of the meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Consideration of Hybrid Assembly(ies) Thought Force, Dennis and two others are on the committee and they could use 2-3 more volunteers. Nancy will ask at the assembly tomorrow.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Digital Archives accessibility - (discussion) Dennis said there are 3 keys right now. In the past they have been with a service center or in an office, but right now they are in a storage space. Right now it is working well and he doesn't see any reason to move it to an office. There is no place to just show up and look at the archives right now. He doesn't think it is necessary to have a thought or task force right now, as it is working now.

AAPP - liability, info from other Areas - (discussion) Suzanne is not here, but will likely report on this tomorrow.

SWRDM - Area support for Past Delegate participation - (discussion) Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting - Kari shared that SWRDM prepares the delegates to go to conference by practicing conference procedures and having that experience. The area guidelines provide funding for the delegate and immediate past delegate to attend. Our Area has also generously provided for the Chair and the Alt-Delegate to attend. We have a lot of past delegates who are very active and they all attend these on their own dime. A past delegate from Colorado was the program chair in Salt Lake City for the last SWRDM and funded her own way. We all benefit by the participation by our past delegates but we don't fund them for being there.

Nancy said this has come from several of our past delegates to consider. Our past delegates have been asked to do workshops at these events as well. Other areas have a line item in their budget like a pool that they can all access. Right now it is about \$3200 to send 4 people, for about 3 days of business. Looking to add about 3-4 people, partial reimbursement would work. An example was it cost \$1000 for a couple of the past delegates to attend the last SWRDM in SLC.

Marylin added that the SouthWest Region is full of people who go on to serve the WSO and further positions because we all support each other. An incoming GR may not understand why they would want to support that. That kind of experience is brought back through our past delegates at our Area Assembly. Learning from 7 other areas and trustees who also attend.

Kellie shared that we budgeted \$4275 and spent only \$3,079.

Jim made a suggestion to rotate with past delegates and officers.

Dennis added that what he learns also helps the Thought and Task forces that he is asked to be on.

Nancy added that it is a support system.

Karis said she cares and sees the example for support and our HP has our area finances supported.

Kari said we had 6 past delegates attend on their own dime. To Karis's point, we are about to write about a \$10,000 check to WSO of our excess funds.

John said that in two years if we don't have the budget we can change it.

Tom said that he is more than happy to put a line item in the budget, but how much?

Karis suggested remembering a request came in and perhaps we can get a suggestion from that request.

Edward asked why we didn't spend it all this year. Nancy said she had COVID and didn't go. She also said having a pool makes it more equitable financially.

Teri shared our guidelines that using personal finances are strongly discouraged. If only the people who can afford to go, go, then our Area is influenced only by people who have money.

Kari asked if there is support in this body to support the line item in the budget and then we can figure out how much.

The question was proposed how many past delegates do we want to send and that question couldn't be answered.

Kathy hears a lot of support for sending our delegates, but only a little bit of support for our IT/Media person asking for help for an additional person.

Teri mentioned that SWRDM has some responsibility too. Teri said she will bring it up to SWRDM too, as she thinks there is a dual responsibility.

Tom said there are a total of 10 active past delegates in the area (and another one is moving into our area in the next 6 months).

Deborah asked if we can make this an open line item that someone can apply for it, like if the IT person needs someone or a past delegate wants to attend can use it. We do not have something like this.

**Nancy did a straw poll, Past Delegates won't vote, who is in support of supporting our Past Delegates to attend SWRDM? Basically everyone supported this. There was one opposition and no abstentions.**

Kathy asked if Tom could send the current budget.

Nancy will ask for District Bids for the site of DIA 2024. The last one was in Colorado Springs.

The next AWSC will be September 9th.

**CLOSING:** Chair Nancy closed the meeting with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara E.

Panel 62, Secretary