

AWSC Meeting, March 20, 2026

****DRAFT** Minutes**

Colorado Area, Fort Collins, CO

OPENING: Linda C. (Chair) opened the AWSC with the Serenity Prayer. Deb C. (DR 24) read the Al-Anon Traditions. Bill F. (Alt DR 7) read the Al-Anon Concepts and Warranties. Linda C. read about the purpose of the AWSC.

ROLL CALL: Judy R., Area Secretary took roll call. Members present during roll were:

Officers: TMF (Delegate), Grete M. (Alt. Delegate), Linda C. (Area Chair), Kara E. (Sub-Treasurer), Judy R. (Secretary)

District Representatives: Wendy M. (2), Pat G. (6), Holly G. (Alt 6), Bill F. (Alt 7), Kathy C. (8), Kara E. (11), Alison M. (Alt 11), Tammy (14), Judith R., (Alt 14), Colleen D. (20 –2026 State Convention Chair), Marie (22), Deb C. (24), Lourdes M. (25)

Coordinators: Adrian B. (IT/Media), Sheila A. (Website), Sue W. (Butterfly), Dennis G. (Archives/Past Delegate Panel 38), Keo (WIA Chair), Brice H. (Group Records), Heather (Alt Area Alateen), Jen C. (Public Outreach)

Service Center Liaisons: Jason B. (DASC), Sharon (Pikes Peak Service Center)

Past Delegates: (Panel #): Tom B. (47), Marilyn B. (53), Eloy M. (56), Debbe P. (TX 52), Marcia M. (58 CA-S), Chesley M. (29), Rick G. (59), Teri M. (50), Carol W. (51, WY)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

2/1/2026 AWSC Virtual Meeting

Jen C. (DR 3) - Motion to approve the 02/1/2026 AWSC Meeting Minutes as presented

Colleen D. (DR 20) – Seconded the motion

Motion passed by majority.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Alternate Delegate Grete M.

Policy committee working on housekeeping. Mailing permits? Not used any more. Present to AWSC next summer.

Finance committee: online payments Zelle, etc. still in conversation now. We did get a special project request, and the finance committee will look at that.

Treasurer – Kara E. (sub-Treasurer)

Janice couldn't come; Kara is sitting in as treasurer. Give expense reports to Kara. She had a treasurer report. See attachments/addendums to Assembly minutes.

Delegate – TMF

He will give a report tomorrow. Thank you for sending me to SWRDM. TMF's report to be in attachments/addendums to Assembly minutes. Chesley gave love gifts. The new service manual is live on the website, free there. Put an order in the LDC \$11 online plus shipping. It is easy to download. The physical copies are on back order.

Chair – Linda C.

A great welcome to you all. I'm so glad you are here and I thank you for all the service that you do. I am grateful to be your Area Chair and thankful for our vibrant and healthy Area! I thank the Area for allowing me to attend the Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting in Kauai last weekend as a guest. Last year the Area Chairs were asked to prepare a group definition of what legacy means for our group. The statement we shared was:

"Humbly accept all members & those still suffering with love from a Higher Power to connect in Service with joy, honesty, empowerment and unity."

This year the discussion was about Spiritual Principles & Higher Power in Service. This related to one of the Boards Goals for the World Service Conference. Number one stated: "The spiritual tone of the Conference will prevail by the demonstration of Al-Anon's core principles in action." It is my hope that your Higher Power is present in the decisions we make for the Area.

We have a full schedule tonight and I will try my best to keep us on time. We will be talking about the next steps for

the Website thought force final recommendations and the task force regarding inclusion of Alateen E-meetings in our Area structure. We will also be discussing two proposed topics that have been submitted to the AWSC for consideration. Discuss at AWSC and see if we want to submit to the Assembly or not.

If you have reports, come to the mic. Tomorrow is the full report.

COORDINATOR, DR, and Liaison Reports:

Butterfly- Sue W.

Sheila, Website Coordinator, and I have been working together for website thought force. Make a submission for the newsletter. Our website thought force article is in Butterfly.

IT/Media - Adrian B.

No report.

State Convention 2026- - Colleen D.

Looking for statewide help for the convention. There will be a skit on service tomorrow.

Website - Sheila A.

If you want to beef up your website, that is an option. No last names on the website. I'll give a full report tomorrow. See Assembly minutes for full report.

Group Records – Brice H.

Report will be added to Assembly minutes

Alateen – Heather

See Assembly minutes for her report. AMIAS training available. Stop by the AMIAS table if interested.

Pikes Peak Area Service Center – Sharon

See Assembly minutes for her report. Flyer for Speaker meeting

D14 – Tammy

Heads up – we are holding a 75th party instead of a workshop. Dennis's idea May 16. More tomorrow.

New Business:

Task Force: Inclusion of Alateen E-meetings in our Area structure

TMF: Our full report will be at the Summer Assembly – not quite ready right now. Not a lot of questions at Assembly. Last assembly I had a misunderstanding. I thought parent permission for Alateen's to attend electronically was required. Not so. But they do need to share emergency contact information. They would have to confirm AMIAS, electronic Amias-E. He shared about the process.

Q: Carol W. Panel 51: What about proving residency? Is there a legal liability?

TMF: Conversation at this AWSC will make a vote. Each individual Area then will have to decide if they will participate.

Heather, Alateen: asked about an Electronic meeting taskforce

From the floor: Alateen globally? We are not part of the global??? As CO?

TMF: Global, but each area is responsible for their own meetings. CO could participate but not WY. The program would still exist. Electronic Alateen meetings in CO?

Kathy, DR8: Are these meetings going to be on the app?

TMF: Yes, on an app. More to come this summer.

From the floor: By adopting the stricter guidelines, does that pertain to the in-person meetings?

TMF: Per our charge from Linda – we will be presenting recommendations to the AWSC. In person and electronic guidelines – depending on how the Area wants to do.

Chesley: How many days does AWSC meet? *TMF:* 5 days

Linda: Simple things on the surface become complicated very fast.

Proposed Topic: Re-Evaluation of the CO Area Electronic Group Registration Process— Sheila A. – past GR

There was historical information referenced. We had to vote if we wanted to allow electronic groups into our area or just let the electronic groups stay with the Global Electronic Area (GEA). AWSC: our task, whether we want to go forward, is to have a thought force or take it to the Assembly tomorrow or have discussion and wait. This is the deciding body on what we do with this proposal.

Sheila: I was at the Assembly when electronic groups were welcomed. You don't have a GR that goes to Assemblies. The original charge mentions a GR. As I excited my electronic group GR position. What if we require them to have a CMA? That's my thought.

Linda: A lot has changed since the original discussion. We have a hybrid. It is in our minutes from 2/1 as well. Any discussion?

From the floor: Recommend a GR not required?

Rick G. Past Delegate: I was on the committee that developed this. The question has to do with whether a GR has to be able to attend the Assembly. Section 1C Step 5 (Linda) was read by Rick. I'm not sure what the problem is?

Sheila: We don't expect that of any other groups.

Rick G: I will look in the service manual and get back to us tomorrow.

Linda: It is kind of like inclusivity. An electronic group in an Area, they are invited to the District meetings just like any other GR with voice and vote. We can't force them to attend District meetings. How would you want the wording to be?

Sheila: The WSO requires a group to register, requires a CMA. Get rid of the whole District and Area meetings. If E-groups want representation, they need to attend.

Rick: Service Manual p. 145 = GRs are expected or alt GR are expected to attend.

Judy R: How are the E-meetings going to be attached to our District? If the group has a GR, they are expected to attend Assembly.

Rick: If we want to change this, we will have to go through the whole process and vote on it.

Greta: Shouldn't one person be from CO to be attached to CO?

Linda: Obviously we need to continue this discussion. Per the chart. If the group is a temp group in CO, a member of the E= group can physically attend Area and District meetings that are face to face. You have to pick an Area and zip code. If not in the Area, you have to ask the Area to join.

Question to Brice: If a group wants to join, is there a separate form for that? It goes through the WSO. If they don't want to be a part of the Global Electronic Area, then what?

Linda: We are all confused now.

Tom B., Past Delegate: The past flow chart is wonderful. There was a written procedure. I suggest a taskforce to review the procedure and update it. That flow chart was trying to give us all the pieces. Now things have changed and it is time to look at the procedure.

Rick G, Past Delegate: This is to address groups from KS who wanted to join CO. We were considering that.

Tammy: Since we are opening this can of worms, now we have hybrid assemblies – that needs to be addressed too.

Linda: What I'm hearing is we need to continue this discussion with a task force. Show of hands: yes Majority, 2 oppositions. A conversation needs to take place and we need a taskforce. I will not bring it to the assembly tomorrow but will create a task force. Unless we want to bring it tomorrow??

From the floor: Please, no.

Proposed Topic: Request to update the requirements for Background checks for AMIAS to every two years – Lori O. – AAPP

Linda: Background checks for Amias: any objections to that? To bring it to assembly? None

Other reports will be given tomorrow. We are looking for a GR Connection Co-chair and a WIA Co-chair. I think anyone can stand for that. Does anyone want to stand? None stood.

Thought Force: Website – Sue W.

Linda: We have our final report from the website thought force. See Assembly minutes for full report. We are asking the AWSC to move this forward.

Greta: I kept hearing you say archives. I understand the archival nature of past minutes but are you speaking about Area archives?

Sue: primarily CO history, motions made, how we have moved forward. This task force will determine what we need to see?

Wendy, DR2: With this committee, does our Area have the resources to keep up with the necessary training?

Sheila: I feel like I'm willing. I just need direction, people collaborating with me. I want other people to have eyes on.

Debbe Panel 52: Did y'all discuss making it password protected where we can load everything we are doing? That way it would all be on the website. There are some there, some not there. It's hard to find stuff. NM and AZ have sections with password protection. Have you even talked about that?

Sue – no we didn't address it.

Marie DR22: Clarification: website, the question is to overhaul or maintain and then something about archives. Is the objective to maintain our current website? What's more important?

Sue: No – it is both. Take the two recommendations. It will ask for a confirmation vote.

Linda: This isn't under Sheila's position. It's been wonderful, done a lot of work, and improved communication with the GRs. It doesn't need technical people; the dumber the better. Looking at our website, tech people will know what to do. Non-tech people will be able to describe what needs to be simplified. Great point about documents Debbe. At SWRDM, they talked about all documents on Google drive. If you need help with that, I can help. I haven't gotten that far, maybe a better solution than emails.

Wendy, D2: Google is not limitless. Our perimeters with our Nonprofit status, our space is limited. Linda thinks we have lots.

Sue – we did address the storage issue – if added docs, we have the 5.99 plan, economy web hosting. Up to 12.99 a month. That's for the website. My google drive: I believe we don't have a limit on that.

Linda: Talk to Dennis, our Archives coordinator. If interested, join the committee.

All in favor of taking it to Assembly tomorrow: voted and passed by majority

Proposed Topic: Goals for behavior and participation for trusted servants who are reimbursed to attend Area events including Assemblies, special events, and SWRDM. – Marilyn B., Past Delegate, Panel 53.

Question about Behavior at SWRDM – DRs aren't there.

What kind of good will can we bring back from SWRDM?

Wendy DR2: How is this different? I believe we are all here as trusted servants. Maybe have a workshop about what representatives need to do.

TMF: For those who haven't been at SWRDM. We go over the rules there, just like at Assembly.

Jen, Public outreach coord: I think I'm missing something. What is the scope of the problem? Is there a specific problem? I don't get it.

Marilyn: side conversations and people constantly on their phones.

Linda: Q for TMF: At conference is there a code of conduct? That is our example. What is the repercussion?

TMF: We do review the requirements at the conference. No one is going around checking anything. Laptops - There are no Alanon police. No dress code. Business casual is recommended.

Chesley: I take notes on my phone.

Kathy D8: I want to point out, I don't think Marilyn was trying to point out a specific behavior. I'm currently faced with something in my group with not very good behavior. I need to be constantly reminded. I like this suggestion. I don't think it needs to be a workshop.

Linda: Thank you for your patience: We will continue the conversation.

CLOSING: Chair Linda closed the meeting with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy R.

Panel 65, Secretary