

NCWSC Committee Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2009

Hilton Garden Inn, Gilroy

Approved 2/6/10 with corrections. Moved (Peggy), seconded (Elaine); passed with substantial unanimity.

Note: The meeting minutes for this meeting are not chronologically ordered. In an attempt to make the minutes more easily used as a reference, the minutes will be ordered in a topical fashion.

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The meeting was convened at 8:05 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions (Brenda), Concepts (Terry) and Warranties (Joan) were read.

Chairperson's Welcome: Last Committee meeting of first year of panel. Does everyone have agenda copy? Hope to close by 5. Hope that each report will only take 5 minutes; if you think your report will take longer or you have an additional item, let Chairman know

Roll Call was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration

Motions

0908.01: Approval of Minutes from February 2009 Committee Meeting; several minor corrections. Moved (Louise), seconded (Charlene); passed with substantial unanimity.

0908.02: Approval of Minutes from June 2009 Committee Meeting; several minor correction

Moved by Charlene, seconded by Chris, passed 8/1/09 with substantial unanimity.

0908.03: Approve Budget as Amended. Moved Joyce, Seconded John S. Passed with substantial unanimity.

Motion to adjourn: Moved, seconded. Passed w/ substantial unanimity on voice vote.

Elections

None

Committee Reports

Executive Committee Report: (Yvonne for Pablo/Harlan)

Due to current chair's work commitment, he is unable to continue as chair. Elected Harlan as new Chair. Financial Assistants approved: Carla G for Sponsors R&R, Louise M for Institutions, Nathaniel for NoCAC, Sue W for Assembly. Interviews: Johanna, the rest of officers pending. EC has been asked to take over the review for Assembly Evaluations.

Budget Committee Report (Joan W)

Committee: Carol, DeDe, Patti, Sandi, and Juaneta. Thanks to Budget Committee.

5Z-Because money taken out of CDs and Money Market, less income expected in dividends

6z-

15z-used 7th Tradition

7Z-Convention Income

9z-now we know H&I will happen, but room may be too small for us, might even get less than the \$500 budgeted

Donations going down

Sponsors R&R, guessed at \$7000 income

Expenses

17-reduced budgeted amount for officers due to finances

24z-no longer have RSS but making arrangements for TEAM

52b-travel and facility rental

Assembly \$7K

68e-that's for TEAM

56a-Convention – hope to be able to cut expenses

54z-12 Stepper expense, may be much more expensive under new mailing rules

Need to put more money in our Prudent 'reserves

Discussion: \$500 for PI/CPC for administrative fees.

Budget discussion is much better than before because we're presenting summary items

If something you want to do is not in the budget, you can come to the Committee and ask for funds.

Convention has been losing money, although we budget it to break even.

A lot of expenses went straight to the NCWSA Treasurer and never get approved by Convention treasurer, so convention report was inaccurate.

Registration fees must be paid for Convention; it needs to be self-supporting. Will lower expenses to keep it even.

Might be good to have a key sheet as to what each category includes.

Budget will be scrutinized: are we living within our means?

We used to have conferences/conventions together with AA; from that grew idea (in 1993) to have our own Convention – we invite AA participation. Maybe we could go back to having a Conference, service oriented,

Which officers and coordinators get to go to Convention without charge?

At Committee level, would appreciate detail level budget; keep it at summary for Assembly.

Prior year detail is from past 12 Stepper

Can invite someone to come to your District to discuss budget.

2010 Convention doing well re finances

Echo request that at Committee level we should get details

Actual 2009 to date should also be presented

What's the real cost of us doing this business?

Reducing expenses for Convention by \$2K: do we want to reduce income or increase expenses in the Budget? We could create a GR Scholarship Fund or add expenses for the TEAM

Software: on QuickBooks 2009; is our equipment up to date? Yes. But can't interface from QuickBooks to Excel.

Need to be able to see that coordinators are doing something.

With \$2K less, need to adjust other budget items: change Institutions H&I Conference from \$500 to \$700, request for scholarship for distant GRs to go to May Assembly (\$800), funds for TEAM event (\$1000).

NoCAC Committee (Nathaniel)

November 13-15, Wyndam Hotel, San Jose.

\$2233 spent so far, mostly for gas for committee. \$450, \$367 for site fees. Expenses for 1st BASH \$131 in addition to site fee, but gained \$515, plus \$230 in T-shirt sales
T-shirts available, cost \$425, have sold \$ 230. Has another check to deposit from shirts.
Needs more money. T-shirts, Pancake Breakfast, tickets \$7 each.
Turnout at first bash was poor, looks like it might be better at w/ 2nd Bash.
Bank fees total \$38.
Overall not too bad.
Districts can hold fund raisers.

Convention Committee (Char)

April 16-18, 2010, Doubletree Hotel, Rohnert Park. Gorgeous, stunning site, right off freeway. Committee holding only a few physical meetings, rest will be conference calls. Will be a bitchin' event. Logo contest still open. Serenity Again in 2010. Very favorable contract. \$3K, committing to less than half the number of rooms than in Santa Clara. Room rates \$110 to \$140 (quad). They have a web site.

Long-Range Planning Committee (Sandi C)

Named members and what they're working on.

Coordinator Reports

12-Stepper Editor (Denice E and Kathy H)

12StepperEditor@ncwsa.org for submissions. Going to printer next week. About 920 copies.

Discussion: could be emailed? By law, has to be mailed. Agenda, Budget all need to go out 45 days before October Assembly (the business meeting for the corporation).

Alateen Coordinator (Carla G)

Thanks Bonnie, Jim, Connie.

Getting stuff together for R&R. Twenty people registered already. If you need more flyers, tell Carla.

Will do a workshop in Marin next Saturday.

It's in a cabin, not tent camping

Gets lots of contacts about starting Alateen, lots of other contacts, has been wonderful. One of liaisons has stepped down.

NoCAC bash in August, Pancake Breakfast in October 10.

Discussion: Non-camping meeting? Would be nice. Any plans? Way north might get a meeting together.

Alateen Liaison Report

No report

Archives Coordinator (Chris M)

Finally got records: it feels good. Loaded 3 trucks worth and brought from Irma's to temporary storage. If anyone interested in working with Archives, please contact Chris. She's found there are some gaps, so she's working on that and will need help. She now has easy access and so if you want something, let her know. If you're going to submit something, it would really help if you could fill out the form. Will start having files saved electronically. Archive starter kit is online, if you want to start Archives in your district.

I realized the only way I could get started on the Archives was to go get them from Irma and move them closer. Unfortunately, I have not been able to make space for them in my home so with committee approval I rented climate-controlled storage temporarily to give me more time to set up space in my home. I have rented a 10 X 10 space for six months. July 4th weekend I went up to Chico and reviewed the files with Irma and then moved them via three vehicles back to Santa Cruz. I setup the archives and a workspace in the storage facility so that I can store and retrieve and locate files as needed. I must say it was pretty exciting going through the records with Irma. It was very exhilarating to be surrounded by so much history. It is real easy to get lost in looking at all the old files that represent 1000 of hours of time and commitment in keeping Al-Anon Family Groups growing.

I inventoried and organized the boxes according to the listing. Over the next months I will take time to review the details of each box and update the detailed listing as needed. It appears that there have been several past coordinators and officers that may have not submitted all the records for archives. As I identify missing records I will contact past officers and coordinators and see if I can assist and retrieve the missing records.

I will be looking to get the Archives committee going or at least get a few Archive Work Party's scheduled to help get things up to date. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the next work party.

I am also very interested in electronic storage of records. Today most committee reports are available electronically. So in addition to keeping a hard copy, I would like to start a CD for electronic reports by year. Please send me a copy of your report electronically and I will add it to the file for storage and archive purposes. I will work closely with Johanna to get files I have missed from this year.

Remember, the Archives Starter Kit with General information and tips is all available online. Groups and Districts can create and maintain their own Archives. Keep it Simple.

Archives and Displays can be requested via request form or via email. Please allow at least 2-3 weeks for Coordinator to access and assemble records.

Archive displays are available for special events and will be provided upon request. Sharing area archives at events is a great way for the fellowship to learn about the past. We don't have to always "reinvent the wheel".

If you recently completed an Area position and you have not turned over your area records for archives, please do so before things get lost or damaged. Use Form A-21 – Archives Acquisition Form.

Bylaws and Insurance Coordinator (Joyce D)

Bylaws and Guidelines

Bruce is out of country. No significant or emergent issues have come in since June. Sometimes doing service is like finding a bra that fits: it's hard to find one that is always comfortable; it needs to lift me up and make me feel pretty, it needs to protect my back and never leave me hanging, and it needs to be close to my heart. Expresses gratitude that we do pay expenses for alternates, and to Bruce for staying informed.

Does anyone need copies of Bylaws—Connie wants several for new groups.-about 15 needed now.

Please keep binder up-to-date.

Insurance

Responsibilities divided: he does bylaws and guidelines, but she does mechanics of insurance. Send them to Bruce, but he will forward to Joyce, and she will get the insurance certificate. It's a joy to deal with members, and she enjoys getting to know the members in this way. If opening an office, how many have insurance independent from NCWSA?

There are two different forms; one for meetings and one for special events. On web site: A26a –meeting and A26b-special events.

What insurance we have is General Liability, not D &O.

Discussion: Amounts charged for special events up to \$150-dependednt on what's going on at event – charge is made by the insurance company. More likely now being rapid and less expensive. Joyce can now send an electronic copy within 24 hrs.

Diversity (Janie)

Working with Intergroup to identify diversity needs. Intergroup picnic last week. Bought travel equipment for translation equipment. Thinking of putting together a diversity quilt raffle. Each group would create 5x5 square. Want to make drawing in Spring 2010. Liv resigned (moved due to work). Needs Alternate: please pass the word. Wants new book (Choices) printed in Braille.

Facilities Coordinator (Portia for Debbie O)

We have survived, we have done our footwork and the HP has done his work. It was a pleasure working with Patrick on the last Convention and Char on the next convention.

Events are booked:

Area Assembly Fresno "Harvesting the Gifts of Service"

Ask Debbie re dates/places for Committee meetings

Spring 2010 Assembly May 7-8, Southern Section

July 16-17, 2010 Committee meeting,

February 5-6 2010, North

October 15-17, Santa Clara (South)

2011 Tent-need bids

Feb 4-5-Comm, Central

May 13-14, Assembly North

July 15-16-Committee, Central

October 28-30, Assembly, North

Convention April 16-18, 2010 Rohnert Park

June 5-6, 2010, H&I, San Ramon

Growing Together Weekend

2010: May 14-16

2011: May 20-22

Sponsors R&R

Sept 18-20 2009

Sept 17-19 2010

Sept 16-18, 2011

Discussion:

Good to project

May Delegate Assembly, can't be as early as May 7, as John has to prepare his report and just gets back from WSC 4/30/10

D10 DR wants to bring some people to observe; should they pay registration? Still a suggested donation but no one will be turned away.

Group Records (Connie F)

My 'theme' for my term as Groups Records Coordinator is communication, communication, communication! By picking this goal for me, by the end of three years, I just may have some new communication skills (kind of like when I was new and I prayed for patience – guess what happened).

First off let me get to the business of letting you know what I have done the first six months as Group Records Coordinator.

Challenges I experienced are items of the past. Software glitches have been solved. NCWSA uses Access for our data base files and as with all service positions, I have had the opportunity to learn. The laptop that needed repaired has been retired and there was another available for my use. Lastly, I was feeling overwhelmed and did not have the time to spend 'figuring things out'. Well as always when I am feeling powerless and anxious, as time passes my perspective changes and today Group Records is just right.

Today I am current on all change requests I have received. I have submitted reports containing group information to coordinators as well as labels for mailing the 12 Stepper. I have prepared required documents for assembly voting purposes and registration.

HOW TO ADD GROUPS OR CHANGE GROUP INFORMATION:

When updating group data use form A16, which is available from me, your District Representative or NCWSA's web site: ncwsa.org; click on service; forms; A16. Make copies and distribute as indicated at the bottom of the form. It is important to keep the communication lines open. Let me know where you are and how to reach you.

Being registered with WSO and keeping NCWSA as well as WSO informed of your CMA (current mailing address) offers some benefits: NCWSA keeps your group informed, using the 12 Stepper and our web site, of the activities of coordinators, officers and other districts in our area. Watch for flyers announcing where and when to expect our Assemblies,

Conventions, and other events at both area and local levels. Some examples of WSO using your groups information is: letting people who call the 800 phone number know where your meeting meets; sending your group a copy of the Forum; and new group packets.

The Post Office is making mailing requirement changes for all bulk business mail, which is what we use. Before a mailing may be accepted these changes include verified addresses, which will result in additional fees and processing requirements. As a result, I have formed a committee to take a look at how NCWSA uses tools of communication. It is time to inventory and reevaluate our communication tools. "How can I help?" you ask. One way groups can help is by renting a PO Box for a CMA. Maybe join with other groups in your area and share a PO Box. Some groups are doing this with great success. What is nice is the CMA remains the same when there is rotation or absence of a GR and your group continues to receive communications from WSO and NCWSA uninterrupted. Along this same line it may be a good idea if your group can use an AIS (Al-Anon Information Service) phone number as a contact which also doesn't change with each new person serving. Consistency is good.

Question? Let me know...and as always thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

FYI: 746 Total Active Groups; 59 Active Alateen (6 Spanish and 3 Preteen); 52 Spanish Speaking; 14 Parent Focus; 18 Hospitals and Institutions; 21 AIS.

Institutions (Louise M)

Report is pink. She also has a flyer about volunteers urgently needed, WSO Guidelines about Al-Anon members serving in Institutions, and a meeting Opening for use in Institutions
8 months ago delivered literature to Solano Sate Prison. Early July got a phone call to set up meeting with Al-Anon, AA, NA: July 28. Lots of meeting rooms and times open. Very interested in having 12-Step meetings because we are cost-effective. Could do 3:30-4:45, Tuesday evening 6:00-7:45, Sundays 9:30-10:45 or 11:15-12:30 (bag lunch). Rules strict for getting access to prisons. Thanks to groups sending in money from pink cans. Also needs lots of volunteers. People have cleaned out the garages to send stuff like old Forums for Institutions, but has included all kinds of other stuff that has nothing to do with Al-Anon. Moneys received since Assembly \$2347.02. Spent \$260 in Literature. Those who are doing Institutions work locally can ask Louise for financial help. Checks made out to NCWSA and Louise can deposit it. Solano 4500 men in prison: 2400 are lifers. Sign-up for 12-step: 1500 signed up. Soledad

has 8000. Louise has created vision and mission statements, etc. Would be happy to do training workshop. Contacts with VA at Palo Alto and VA Drug & Alcohol division in Menlo Park. Meeting directories are also desired. Do not include any personal information. Best if someone can do every week, but acceptable if can do only monthly. Gate clearance; need DL, SSN, DOB, full name. Need 2 years in program and home group. In Solano starting 8/16/09.
Discussion: Family program? Will try to get us in to that.

Literature Coordinator (Sandy S)

Really excited: WSO planning new History book to celebrate Al-Anon's first 60 years. Please make copies of sharing sheet: due 10/31/09
It's an Honor and Privilege to service as your Literature/Forum Coordinator.

LITERATURE REPORT:

WSO is planning a new history book, planned for 2011 to celebrate Al-Anon's first 60 years. Refer to the attached sheet. Please make copies of sharing sheet: WSO is asking for members sharing's due by October 31, 2009.

Please continue to encourage members to purchase literature through their local LDC, (Literature Distribution Center). For a list of LDCs please go to: (<http://www.ncwsa.org/lcd.html>)

FORUM REPORT

At our last assembly, I had reported that The Forum subscriptions have dropped below 20,000 for the first time in about 35 years. WSO had put the question out to us asking us: how much longer should the WSO subsidize a magazine that engages only a tiny minority of members? Perhaps we must ask ourselves as a Fellowship- will The Forum grow or fade away?

I have talked to a lot of members and received a lot of phone calls, and their response is "Let's Attract Interest in the Forum, because we do not want The Forum to fade away, we want the Forum to Grow!"

So, as your Forum Coordinator, I'm asking you again, to please continue to raise interest in our magazine. Here are some suggestions:

Have a meeting based on a sharing from The Forum.

Include a Forum with your newcomer package.

Have your groups order the Forum.

Have your district purchase a subscription.

At district meetings, have the GRs report back how they draw interest in the Forum.

Conduct a Forum writing workshop.
Donate a subscription at your speaker meeting.
Have copies of The Forum subscription order forms available at your speaker meetings.
Donate a subscription at your Day In Al-Anon, Speaker Meeting or any other event.
Make copies of the Forum subscription order form and have them in your group binders.
Have copies of the Forum subscription order forms at your literature table.
Encourage members to send in their sharing's.
Give a subscription of the Forum as a birthday gift or holiday gift.
Remind GRs that they are the Forum Representative to their group.
Please refer to Seventh Tradition pamphlet (S-21).

I have put The Forum order forms in your bins, please make copies and encourage participation!

Discussion:

DR Peggy made copies and word is spreading in D5. Thanks to Sandy for info and copies.

Yvonne made copies and put them on chairs at Speaker Meeting D14. At October Assembly, she plans to put a bucket for orders and she'll mail them as a batch.

Patti (PI/CPC): we could ask GRs to bring old Forums to Assembly to collect for Institutions and for PI/CPC. Leave old Forums wherever you go: Drs., lawyers, jails, etc.

DeDe: volunteers at WSO have cleared out some records: if you have not received the last few Forums, contact them.

PI/CPC (Patti M and Brenda)

Put on your to-do list: name of your local PI/CPC people. Has received info from only 4 districts. District 18 has a Public Outreach Committee: trying to get Alternate GRs to attend.

Web Committee (Jim S.)

Web Site Committee members are Shannon J., Alternate Web Site Coordinator, Art B., Mike M., Jennifer G., Arleen V. & Bruce D. Other volunteers at the District/AIS level keep the Independent and Separate web sites updated. Thank you for your volunteer work.

We are currently updating the California State Map links for Northern California.

We would appreciate a specific request if something needs to be posted or updated to the web site.

We appreciate flyers sent though Bonnie, AAPP, which mention Alateen.

Forms found through the Services sidebar are the responsibility of the Officer and Coordinator listed next to them.

All Alateen Meetings posted on the web require a current WSO Number, current registered meeting address and Certified Sponsors. This includes Dependent, Independent and Separate Web Sites connected to www.ncwsa.org.

All Area Guidelines may be found at www.ncwsa.org, Services in the sidebar, Guidelines.

All event flyers with any Alateen involvement must be approved by our AAPP (Area Alateen Process Person) at AAPP@ncwsa.org. This includes Independent and Separate Web Site postings. Please request this of your district coordinators, GRs and flyer creators. It will take longer to process the flyer if it is not first requested by the AAPP and approved before sent to the Web Site Committee.

All Alateen related flyers handed out or posted must follow Guideline B-17.B.3.D.4.c and have the underlined and highlighted sentence below at the bottom of the flyer.

In order to use the Alateen name in the geographic area served by NCWSA, Alateen Conferences and other conventions that include Alateen activities are required to abide by the [B-17] NCWSA Requirement for Alateen Member Safety, register their intention to do so by notifying the Area Alateen Process Person of procedures placed in service for their function and place the following statement on any flyers publicizing their activities – "The [name of conference or convention] abides by the NCWSA Requirement for Alateen Member Safety."

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Looking for more volunteers: people who know how to edit HTML. Jim is willing to train.

Discussion re junk mail: send to BCC, and/or remove the multiple email addresses when you're forwarding, or copy and paste into BCC. Spam crawlers can scan the TO and CC forms, but not the BCCs.

Please send flyers etc to Jim at WebSite@ncwsa.org, not to Jim's personal email.

Districts who maintain their own web sites can create DR@Districtxx etc.

Delegate's Report (John S, Panel 49, California North, Area 3)

Since the June assembly, I have been working on the conflict resolution committee for WSO, and trying to keep up with everything. I have been mainly successful with one big blooper, I double booked myself, but that has been worked out. Big lesson – do not lose your calendar. I am now keeping mine electronically – only.

The report and PowerPoint from the assembly are on the web site for anyone to review, thanks to Jim and his team. I keep coming up with ideas for the TEAM event and we will discuss today I hope.

Suddenly I am getting new requests to speak, which is exciting. I will make sure I do not repeat my mistakes.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report (Carol G)

Very good discussion with mentor. Hard time asking for help. Financial reports as up-to-date as possible. Still struggling with computer program; Joan helping.

A/P (Accounts Payable): we still owe. Many expenses seem to be under budget: are people not sending in requests for reimbursement? -Yes
Scholarship for mileage for GRs-is that in budget?

Insurance Premium-where posted? Corporate expenses line 72

Treasurer's position very involved, and remember that it's a volunteer position. How feasible is it for a volunteer to handle this alone? Thanks to Carol for hanging in there through all this.

Chairperson Report (Patrick B)

Has been pretty active in first 7 months. Did go to SWRDM in March, got some ESH from other Chairpersons. Got on a distribution list, re issues that come up. Should have stepped down from one of his positions (Chair of Convention), created conflict of interest. Would have liked to be able to concentrate on chairmanship. Sometimes a little less than grateful for being in service. Meetings were so close together that not much chance to breathe. Wrote appeal letter-will be published in 12 Stepper. Monthly conference calls for officers-good chance to check in. Around \$15 for the call. Lots of work around hotel contracts. Needs to register as AMAIS-intends to do before October Assembly. Very open to hearing people's suggestions for agenda. Draft agenda in 12Stepper but is subject to change. Will try to have all District Reports on Saturday, in order (groups of nine). Plan on 5 minutes or less for report. Has a slot on the agenda for a workshop. Met SW Regional Trustee: pretty awesome, will check if it makes sense to fly her out here. If not, we could have 3 or 4 concurrent workshops let by our coordinators.

Secretary Report (Johanna MM)

I have had to practice Progress not Perfection. The February minutes have gaps, and I'm sure corrections need to be made to all the minutes. I'd like to give special thanks for Sandi C for filling in for me in June when I had bronchitis. If she hadn't done the June minutes, I never would have gotten off my paralysis of analysis.

I did not get a chance to get name tags printed. I hope you either left yours last time or brought it back. If you had a change (especially the Executive Committee members), I haven't made up new nametags yet. Please make your own, and if you want me to bring them back to the next meeting, leave them in the bins when you leave.

Please check your bins early, late, and probably middle of the meeting. Definitely make one last check (and return your nametag) before you leave.

Other than keeping up the Roster and the minutes, I've maintained the Yahoo group and answered a few emails that get sent to Secretary. Fortunately, I'm able to forward most of those to the appropriate person.

I have decided that the Right of Decision making Effective Leadership Possible, I have removed flyers for events that have passed from folders. For districts without DR's and inactive Past Delegates, I have removed old reports as well, and either returned district-specific reports or forwarded them to the appropriate AIS for the two districts without DRs.

If you have a change in your address, phone number, e-mail, etc., or if there is a change in DR, ADR, AIS Liaison, or any other Committee member, I have a few forms A-14 here, but I would just as happily take changes via e-mail. Also please e-mail any report you give. If it's after the meeting, that's helpful too, but it's even better if I get it before the meeting so I can follow along (ala the Presidential Press Corps). I'd rather put your words in the minutes than my brief notes.

You can contact me either at my personal e-mail of JohannaMM@aol.com or by sending it to Secretary@ncwsa.org. I have been asked to remind you to be a bit careful what you send to ncwsc@yahoo.com: it will go to everyone, so if you intend a message or a reply to go to only the individual, please choose their individual e-mail address only. I recently violated that myself, so I know how easy it is to make the mistake of sending a reply to the whole group.

Thank you for your patience with me.

Alternate Delegate Report (Joan)

No report

AAPP Report (Bonnie M)

Still getting caught up 56 registered Alateen Groups; does not count those who do not have certified Sponsors.
250-300 AMAIS

Almost caught up with re-registrations. Still has a pile of new applications. It's been an adventure

Lessons learned: sometimes we use the same words to mean different things, and sometimes we use different words to mean different things.

"Inactive"-some used to mean not serving a group, but actually supposed to mean not certified.

WSO form has no place for District signatures, only AAPP (Area) needs to sign

Did-you-know: sending form plus LiveScan form at the same time helps to track down missing info.

Alateen must have completed registration process before they start meeting, or can't use Alateen name.

Alateen registration form is different from AI-Anon registration form.

EVERYTHING has to go through AAPP.

By nature of our jobs, DRs and Officers are in service to Alateens and thus should be certified.

B17-not only should there be a statement, but each event should come up with guidelines for how to meet those requirements: she found the ones used at International and put a copy in each DRs bin.

It's been marvelous to work with Connie. In the category of Life's Blessings, printer dies, so some things just didn't get done. Wanted to give each DR a list of certified sponsors and meetings, but didn't get printed, so she will email those.

Discussion:

How many meetings used to be certified/registered but aren't any more: less than a dozen

Event upcoming that does not expect to have Alateen participation: do they need to go through AAPP? Bonnie suggests we go through process, send flyer to AAPP, in case Alateens do come.

Jim: matching list from web with list from Group Records: often there's a mismatch. If a meeting moves, a change form must be submitted. ANY change to an Alateen group (including change of Sponsor), contact [has to be an AMAIS], requires a change form.

Intergroup Liaisons

AIS District 6-10 (Sacramento area)

No report

Santa Clara Valley AFG Intergroup (Chris for Anita)

Intergroup going well. Started with all of positions filled, but have lost quite a few. There is an issue with bookstore. Summertime, the volunteers drop off, so we get complaints, etc. Got some help from discussion at DR meeting last night. In process of revising Bylaws: Bylaws

Committee making good progress. Topic coming up: dual members. I like that people are being very patient, and listening. Trying hard to use KBDM. Has put out two flyers: participation in AA Unity Day event: free breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Al-Anon has its own room, and will have a Spanish speaker. October 10, afternoon Intergroup Event, 2 PM in San Jose, potluck.

Hispanic Intergroup

absent

Spanish East Bay Intergroup

absent

Other Business

We will be able to satisfy hotel obligation with Assembly 2010, TEAM in 2010, and a holiday event.

Thought Force re Dual Members: nothing has happened since Assembly, but Charlene R. (D4) has come forward as a volunteer to chair this thought force. Wants to get a committee together by 8/31. Please have your GRs contact her if interested in serving.

Thought force on rotating DRs, one third each year. (Patti)
Met this AM. Has heard ideas pro and con.

Area Finances Thought Force (Joan)

A lot of people "signed up" but their email addresses bounced. Two responses. Some thoughts Joan had: how to be sure volunteers follow through on what they volunteer for. We do not police. How can we have realistic ideas without being punitive? How do we train volunteers? How do we put across the idea that you should have skills for what you volunteer for? How do you help someone? What happens when someone isn't doing his or her job? What about the large number of hours required: can we split the job?

Setting standards, if one falls below, one needs support. We should anticipate that some people will fall behind and not be willing to ask for help. If you need help, form a committee.

Thought Force to Update Convention Guidelines. Past Convention Chairs to review Guidelines and revise them. Asked for volunteer to chair, none volunteered.

Assembly Evaluations (Patrick)

June Assembly: Seats hard. Good feedback on Delegates Report. End business before skit? Better than 1st one-day assembly. Suggestion that EC should look at Assembly Evaluations-EC has not decided if they can/should do that. Patti from last EC said they didn't know what to do about it. Maybe form could be simplified. Patrick said that reviewing the evaluations helped him run the next Assembly.

Holiday Event: Dance, Dessert, Birthday Chips, gift basket donation drawing. For 150-200 people, \$20 each. \$3000 deposit. Chair: Wendy C

Change of Corporate Address Corporate Office is in San Jose, at SCV Intergroup. Not the same address as Corporate Records. In order to change official address, we would need to change bylaws. So long as in same County, no need to change bylaws. Generally OK with staying where it is. **Substantial Unanimity to keep it at Santa Clara Valley Intergroup.** (Not a formal motion)

TEAM Event. Do we want it? If so, what? Replaces RSS. Minimum 6 hours workshops. Will send 1-2 members from WSO. What do we want it to be? Area split? -do with CA-South How do we serve our groups when we are so big? How do we use technology? How do you use WSO in that kind of event/decision? How do you structure to serve everyone? John will talk to the California South Delegate.

Combined event-Institutions, Alateen, Forum, or GR Boot Camp, Diversity? Newsletter Workshops? Archives?

Discussion: Sharing in Service: 3 workshops that rotated. 3 before lunch, WSO speaker at lunch, and 3 after lunch. Variety helps: give people choice. Service to your group: rather than calling it GR Boot Camp: GRs are our weakest link. Two types of topics: one where we'd mostly be getting info (instructive), others where we'd be engaged in working/constructive process (split district, panel rotation). Public Information/Growth of AI-Anon. We rely a lot on oral tradition: organizational challenge: how do we retain our knowledge and move forward? Sponsorship, working 12 Steps. Public Information: When I was a new _____, I wish I'd known _____". How to write an article for the Forum. Spend time writing. Bring everyone back together on Sunday to report. What did I love about RSS?: meet the WSO. Sharing more information on Knowledge-based Decision Making Toward a Group Conscience. Bring everyone on the same page before you reach a decision. How to join the 50-year Conversation. RSS was limited to one a region every three years, but we can do many TEAM events.

Corporate Credit Card. Mostly used by Facilities Coordinator. Went away with last panel, didn't transfer. Was in the name of two people who used their own credit-worthiness. Most of the facilities are accepting

checks, but that's cash out of treasury, although with a credit card they can hold. However, there was a lack of paper trail when Budget Committee tried to follow up on what happened. Most hotels require a card to hold. We need to find out if Debbie is able to do her Facilities job without a card, and if we can find someone willing to sign on card.

Bids:

None submitted

DR Meeting Report (Cindy)

Met from 8:30-10:05

Why DR? HP, Service Sponsor, no one else stepped up. One person doing 2nd term. Most people are doers.

Book depot at District

Alateen Coordinator

Al-Anon putting ads on radio-how do deal with PI-was approval given?

This was not a WSO-approved PSA, but put on radio without going through approval

Announcements

Don't forget to check your bins and leave your name tags.

Flyer for D 22 speaker meeting Sept 26 2-9:30. 6 speakers.

D18 2 things coming up: Aug 29 cooperation with Central Valley

Intergroup AA, Legacy Day: Louise will be Al-Anon speaker.

September, DIA

Serenity in Yosemite

D15-Sept 12 DIA in Castro Valley

David D 24. MBAR on Labor Day weekend.

Spanish Convention, Hilton in Concord, several states. Will have English side, workshops, and translation of Spanish side.

D12 DIA, 1st in a long time, Sept 12, 9 AM-4PM. Alathon, Fellowship, Chris D main speaker.

Spirit of San Francisco, October 2-4.

Sue-when you register for fall Assembly, consider sending in packages of seeds, will turn into love gifts.

Jay-leave recyclables.

Next Meeting

February 5-6, site TBA