Approved Minutes NCWSC February 8, 2014
The Flamingo Resort Hotel, Santa Rosa, CA

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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Routine Business:

The meeting began at 8:00 am with Serenity Prayer. Chris M, Archives Coordinator read the Traditions; Kim R., D11, read The Concepts; Charli D., Area Alateen Process Person, read The Warranties & Alateen Safety.

Committee Roll Call was taken.

Chairperson: After you give your report, please step into the back corner of this room and have your photo taken-this was discussed at Officers and Coordinators meeting last night – let’s have a little slide show of people and work they do, so people can get familiar. This idea was inspired by the slide show of International shown at Assembly. Getting your picture taken is optional.

Minutes for August 24, 2013 Committee Meetings were approved unanimously, as long as reports are attached.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm and closed with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Elections

Alternate Bylaws & Insurance Coordinator:

Candidate 1: Yvonne P: 10 years in Al-Anon. She held group positions, Insurance Coordinator 6-10.
Candidate 2:  Staci S.: GR, AGR, Convention Committee twice, just became AMIAS, also professional background in insurance, and understands certificates. She has been in Al-Anon 10 years.

Staci S. is elected by vote.

**Motions and Consensus**

1402.01
Text: Approve Minutes of August 24, 2013 Committee Minutes (with reports added as attachment or in back)
Motion made by Debbie O., DR, D18
Motion seconded by Ellen G., DR, D26
Passed Unanimously

1402.02
Text: To Approve NoCAC Grant Request for $3,000.
Motion made by Chris M., Archives Coordinator
Motion Seconded by Bonnie M., Alateen Coordinator
Passed, with 2 Abstentions

1402.03
Text: To close out San Francisco storage and move to Dublin-Pleasanton storage.
Motion made by Tom K., Twelve Stepper Editor
Motion seconded by Ellen G., DR, D26
Passed with 1 Abstention

1402.04
Text: That NCWSA rents an electric voting system to use at the 2014 Fall Assembly, dependent on approval by GRs at 2014 May Assembly.
Moved by David B., Institutions Coordinator
Seconded by Gina R., DR, D5
Passed with No one opposed, 2 Abstentions

1402.05
Text: To amend the NCWSC Guideline as follows: Under XI. Expenses of NCWSC members:

Amend h. to say “Together Empowering Al-Anon (Alateen) Members, held within NCWSA boundaries (once every three years):” and to add “j. Together Empowering Al-Anon (Alateen) Members held outside NCWSA boundaries, but within the Southwest Region (once every three years) Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson.”

Passed with 1 Opposed, 2 Abstentions

**Announcements**
The mileage rate is .56 for 2014.
When submitting expenses, do not use an old form—it has a different rate.
Bruce is now the PI/CPC Coordinator (there were no objections)- Cindy is alternate. (they are switching roles).

1st NoCAC BASH- Friday June 20-Sunday June 22

NCWSA Diversity Day will take place on August 9 at the Billy DeFrank Community Center in San Jose.

TEAM event will be held in Alamo September 6, 2014

Feature: Frequently asked Questions:

Q. What is an Al-Anon event?
A. Page 85 of Service Manual: An Al-Anon event is an event members in Al-Anon decide to do.

Q. What makes an event an Al-Anon event?
A. Page 30 of the Service Manual says that any 2 or more people who meet can call themselves an Al-Anon group; so 2 people can make an Al-Anon event.

Q. What flyers do we publish in the 12 Stepper?
A. In the 12 Stepper: NCWSA sponsored events – H&I Convention, Convention, NoCAC, Assembly, R&R.

Q. What flyers do we publish on the website?
A. All events within the area, including regional and national event (TEAM in our area) and national Spanish Convention, and International events (both AA and Al-Anon). No retreats are listed on the website as “retreat” often has religious connotations and could imply affiliation if used in connections with an Al-Anon/Alateen event.

In the August 2013 issue of 12 Stepper-Tom received and added a calendar item for the 48th Annual Al-Anon Convention in Kentucky. He wouldn’t ordinarily have added this (not in our region/area) but he added it because he thought it was amazing to have 48 years of Convention! He also put this in the calendar as an example of the kind of events that are out there available when we go traveling – that we can look out at other websites for events at our destinations.

PRAASA can go on our website-Region, Pacific region, all of California, Oregon Washington and Hawaii on this. If not within our boundaries can we still add it? We are part of the Region.

Bonnie brought up the issue that while we may want to publish other events, we have to follow Alateen safety of Northern California.

Q. PRAASA is AA event with Al-Anon participation. Does that mean other AA events with Al-Anon participation get published on website?
A. Yes.

Rosanna-some events in districts that weren’t sure were Al-Anon events or not – were put on Al-Anon event. Receive flyers from 4th step workshop Santa Barbara – doesn’t
say Al-Anon or AA event. AA doesn’t have logo, but Al-Anon does. Logo should be on all Al-Anon events.

**Task Force and Thought Force Reports**

**Task Force - Assembly Guidelines** - DeDe W.
Everyone who has held positions in last 2 assemblies has written guidelines—using Bylaws and Insurance format, powering out and want to present at May Assembly and Committee meeting. They will get it out.

There were some changes this panel and then changes to the changes. In the future there will possibly be online registration so we need more open definition of things

**Task Force on NoCAC Guidelines** - Bonnie M
They updated financial reporting requirements implemented over last year and formatted.

At the end of January Bonnie received the charge to lead this Task Force and reached out and connected with everyone but haven’t met yet.

She thought they were asked to complete this by May but isn’t sure they will be able to do that – many have taken a year to update Guidelines.

Yvonne clarifies: She didn’t ask for this to be completed by May – rather, to have working document online by May, not complete in May – complete it in two years!

**Prison Task Force** – Patrick/Yvonne
The Prison Thought Force was created last election Assembly (Oct 2011). Patrick stepped down as chair at the October 2013 Assembly, handing it back to Yvonne at the October Assembly, that’s why it is coming up here. We need to take the idea of this task force back to the Assembly and see if anyone wants to revive it. How can we support this service in the prisons into the future?

**Thought Force - Babysitting at Assembly** - Kim H.
The thought force regarding childcare – see page 68 of new manual for definition of thought force. Kim thanked the committee.

What does current insurance cover with regards to childcare?
Do we have a need for guidelines for parents (i.e. that they stay on site)? Meals? – we should let parents feed children.
Who would do this childcare? DOJ Clearance? What are the requirements for provider-to-child ratio? Would we require reservations? How would we get word out?

We had people request childcare at the one-day assembly in Monterey, didn’t have childcare available. Often there is concierge service provided – they are licensed babysitters paid through hotel.

Pricing? It varies since it isn’t just one entity that can provide childcare in Northern California.

What would hours of childcare be? Would there be coverage during speaker meeting? One member shared that if you have childcare at meeting, you need to get larger place.
Participation of members that have children decreases with them not being able to have childcare.

Are classrooms available for childcare at events? Should we do a trial of an Assembly event? Thinking was that we would start small, and see how it goes.

Maybe start with one-day Assembly. If we are set on certain hotels, we can do 3 or 6 or 5 year hotels, no, not before. But we may want to do that, and then have that extra room

Start small, maybe with TEAM event. One person spoke about what they do at the district level. Forming a task force is a good idea.

There is a member in D24 who is licensed childcare provider, provided childcare, started with one kid. Now they have 9 kids at Day in Al-Anon. Childcare Center is where they hold events – so they were able to get someone there with DOJ clearance (YMCA) to provide childcare.

October Assembly is not a bad idea to have childcare, will have space. Sometimes we will get a hotel suite they remove the beds, etc. Liabilities – that we set the room up to be childproof.

Is there an age restrictions? From infants on up to 12 years old are allowed in one district. There isn’t an age restriction on childcare, but the childcare provider can have twelve children on her own, unless there are infants involved and then the limit is nine children without an aide.

Yvonne would like to go forward with the TEAM event, and then maybe August.

**DR Meeting Report**

**DR Meeting Oct 2013 Assembly – Kim R., DR, D11**
They started with discussing the 13th Step. Then they spent a lot of time passing around home districts meeting list – getting a sense of how did each district set up their list.

**DR Meeting Feb 2014 – Gina R., DR, D5**

The DR’s set the schedule for the DR Call for the rest of the year. We will have two turnover calls in Nov. and Dec.

We discussed the thank you notes that are sent out from WSO and the Area, as some members were upset by these notes. This was in the premise that if the WSO and Area needed money they should not be wasting money by sending out thank you notes. The thought was maybe the notes should be sent via computer email instead. But several Districts send out thank you notes and most members like receiving them. Discussed how Districts donate to WSO, Area, AIS, and how the Districts split the amount. Most split the surplus between the WSO, Area, and AIS’s. Some use 70%, 30%. Others use 60%, 30%.

Discussed the Get on the Bus to TEAM. The DR’s came up with the idea of breaking the Main Get on the Bus Committee into sub committees of North, Central, and South. This will better serve the Districts and help coordinate the Buses. As well as increasing
the amount of funds we will be petitioning the AREA for the Get on the Bus Proposal. We also discussed the fund raising and awareness campaign that we hope to implement.

How are Districts announcing service positions for this year’s District elections? Several Districts are putting announcements in the newsletters for the Districts. One District is having a DR panel with past and present DR’s sharing experience, strength, and hope.

**Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee Report** - Chris D., Chairperson (At-Large)
Members: Susie D., Secretary, Agota P., Central, Sheri W., South, Tom K, At Large,

Chris identified the members
They have regular meetings by conference call, sometimes e-mail.
To be on EC as an at-large, must have been or be a DR, to be a section rep, must be a currently serving DR.

The EC participated in a discussion regarding the NoCAC presentation at the Fall Assembly, interviewed financial assistants for Area events, completed most 2013 Area Officer Review interviews, and continued to research and discuss the need for a paid Area bookkeeper to support our volunteer Treasurers.

Meetings past and present:
- 11/17/2013 Annual officer review (2013): Alternate Delegate
- 11/25/2014 Annual officer review (2013): Secretary
- 12/8/2013 Meeting planning, interview scheduling
- 2/6/2014 Reviewed bylaws, guidelines and motions passed/failed as they relate to hiring an area bookkeeper
- 2/8/2014 Email meeting: approved Charli’s proposed revision to the AAPP Guideline.

EC Chair Activities:
- Received and reviewed copies of financial assistant deposit reports
- Received, reviewed 2013 CA Sales & Use Tax Return

Plans:
- Continue conducting Financial Assistant interviews
- Discuss a plan for supporting the Area Treasurer with essential skills and knowledge necessary for the job

About this Service Position. The Chair of the Executive Committee (EC):
- Sets the agenda and runs EC Conference calls, typically monthly
- Serves as the primary contact for requests for Financial Assistant Interviews
- Participates in occasional conflict resolution / “troubleshooting” conversations
- Schedules EC committee members for Financial Assistant Interviews
- Monthly: reviews all Financial Assistant deposit reports for accuracy; and, Treasurer reports
• Annually: participates in Area Officer interviews; reviews tax and information filings

**Budget Committee Report**  - Johanna (none as Johanna absent)

**Coordinator Reports**

**Alateen Coordinator’s Report**  – Bonnie M.

NoCAC was awesome, very inspiring. Bonnie is a member of the committee, and gets to watch the committee work so hard all year long. People serve going to school, working job, and being teenagers.

Update and clarify Sponsor’s R&R guideline.

If it gets worked out to have online registration, Sponsor’s R&R might go that way.

They got their budget but are way over budget, due to so much travel for this position.

Alateen Express editor looking for submissions from Alateens. Send to Lisa.

Lisa, the Alternate, has moved up to District 5, send submissions to her through email or to PO Box, new one on roster.

The modules are posted on the AMIAS (Alateen members involved in Alateen Service) yahoo group.

- NoCAC 2013 was awesome! It is always so inspiring to see the all the committee’s hard work culminate in a wonderful weekend of recovery. For one of the workshops, we gathered for an exchange of experience and ideas relating to serving Alateen as AMIAS.

- Save the date for this year’s Sponsors R & R, September 19 – 21, 2014! We have three terrific speakers lined up: Sandi C., Elk Grove, John S., Half Moon Bay, and Mary Lou M., Virginia Beach, our WSO Associate Director of Member Services. We will have registration flyers available soon and will let you all know when they’re posted on the NCWSA calendar.

I have been able to participate in the monthly conference call set up for Area Alateen Coordinators – with participants from the US, UK and Canada, so far. The decision was made to use a conference call instead of an online chat to ease communication. We all seem to be facing similar issues and gain by sharing experience and brainstorming solutions.

We have two AMIAS workshops scheduled in February, Feb 22 in District 26 and Feb 23 District 12, and encourage all interested Al-Anon members to join us. You don’t need to be a currently certified Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) to learn more about Alateen service and Alateen safety.

Please let me know when you plan an Alateen event or AMIAS training; I’d love to come and visit.
Charli has been working hard to get the Yahoo group for AMIAS up to date so that it can be a useful forum for exchanging ideas and solutions. We are also working to update the WSO AMIAS training modules with current information and get them posted to the AMIAS group.

Please send your Alateen related sharing to Lisa B, to be included in the next edition of the Alateen Express; and please encourage the teens in your Districts to send in submissions.

Some of the opportunities I receive in this position are to: Chair the planning for the Annual Sponsor training event each September (Sponsors R&R), Participate in Alateen related workshops as requested for Northern California, Work with our Alternate Alateen Coordinator on production of the “Alateen Express” newsletter Act as liaison to the Northern California Alateen Conference (NoCAC) planning committee

NoCAC Chair Report: - Omar
The Co-chair contacted Omar and said that he had to step down for personal reasons. Also they are still looking for a treasurer. Omar wants to take time to get right people for the job. It was big being treasurer of NoCAC last time. Many other positions are already filled. Darrell is the NoCAC sponsor, and Annette is the co-sponsor.

They had the turnover meeting Jan. 5, 2014 and were able to turnover everything from previous committee. They have several things planned - public outreach and fundraisers.

OAC- Oregon Alateen Conference.
SCAC-Southern California Alateen Conference

Omar wants to get to both of these conferences.

Save the Date Flyer – 1st fundraiser – March 15 4 pm – 9 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton.

1st NoCAC BASH- Friday June 20-Sunday June 22. Donation of $20, minimum age 12 years old. What is a BASH? – Like Westminster Woods but dirtier. It is a camping trip. People bring own supplies. Teens and everyone here know – Clear Lake is the location. No one brings RVs, campers, cars, everyone sleeping in tents.

Also T-shirts are for sale in back. Also have Donation can in back.

Last year they received $2,500 from the Committee, and being greedy teenagers want to ask for $3,000 this year – as was mentioned earlier, places are bumping up the prices for deposits, so want to have bases covered and don’t settle for a cheap hotel.

Text: To Approve NoCAC Grant Request for $3,000.
Motion made by Chris M., Archives Coordinator
Motion Seconded by Bonnie M., Alateen Coordinator
Passed, with 2 Abstentions

Alateen liaison reports – (None as no liaisons attending)
Archives Coordinator’s Report – Chris M. & Diana C.
I had an idea this morning about getting away from getting regular records from districts – gather as much information as possible electronically. Perhaps provide each of you with a thumb drive, and maybe you can put your final reports on it – make an electronic copy for the archives, and can be provided for next person in panel. Hard copy is fine if you don't have electronic. She is missing many reports.

It has been a busy couple months preparing for the archives event, “An Afternoon at the Movies and a Walk Through an Al-Anon Bazaar” held on January 25, in San Leandro. We worked closely with District 15 in planning the details.

Diana and I sorted and organized the materials gathered from past Delegate Marilyn R’s house and made them available at the bazaar. The event appeared to be a great success and was self-supporting by the registration fee of $10. It included awesome love gifts and historical door prize packages prepared by Diana C.

The event included the Bazaar, which raised $1,000 for Alateen, and old recovery skits Miriam the Martyr and the Wizard of Oz, featuring Olga R. Big thanks to our panel of speakers sharing what it was like then: Art B, Bob L, Cathy C, and Ruth; our evening speakers Ivan, Christy and Bob; and all the fabulous volunteers from District 15, including the Alateens.

Special thanks to Mike M for converting the old VHS movies to CD, to Amanda C for taping our speakers, and to our speaker hostess, Yvonne D. We had so much fun that we are already thinking about our next archives event. There is so much more we can share, and it is powerful to hear from our long-timers and realize how far we have come as a fellowship.

Archive displays, skits or movies 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. Please allow at least 2-3 weeks for Coordinator to access and assemble records for a new display.

Did you know that the AFG headquarters has a history book that makes a great literature and discussion book complete with questions? Check out Many Voices--One Journey!

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve and grow,

Having a Blast from the Past!

Bylaws and Insurance Coordinator’s Report - Joyce D.
As some of you know this is my last official act as a Coordinator for NCWSA. As of January 10 I live in San Diego County. I am very happy in my new home but very sad to be leaving you. I thank you for one the best service experiences I’ve had in Al-Anon. My alternate Kim H has agreed to step up into the Coordinator position and this afternoon we will elect a new alternate.

Most of all I thank you for not updating the Bylaws during my term as that is an arduous & time-consuming process. The good news is we’ve made progress on updating our Guidelines. Currently we have in process Alternate Delegate (B2), the new one for the
yahoo list serve (B32). The B-4 Treasurer are all under revision. We will be hearing more about the NoCAC and Assembly guidelines later on the agenda today. Congratulation to Tom and a big thank you for getting the 12 Stepper Editor done. It had not been revised since 1999. B15, B9 my guideline were posted on the web site this past week. Also the B 18 Executive Committee and B23 Convention were revised and posted in October. A reminder that these need to be added to your binder for your successor.

We still need LRPC 1992, Diversity 2005, PICPC not since 1995, Alateen Liaison 1990. Coordinators, this really needs to happen so anyone interested in standing for the position knows what the requirements & job description are.

Motions passed/failed has not been updated since 2011 which means 2 years of actions we can’t access.

Our General Liability Policy has been renewed effective Feb 6 & since there were no claims the cost did not increase. We continue to issue an average of 30 Evidence of Insurance Certificates each year. While I have been the Coordinator during the 3 years of each panel, all certificates for regular meetings issued during the past year have been automatically reissued by our carrier when our policy renews. At the beginning of the new panel we start anew. Whether this is done in the next panel will be up to the new Coordinator.

As my last act I ask you to welcome your new Coordinator for Bylaws & Insurance, Kim H.

**2014 NCWSA Convention Chairperson's Report** – Nancy M. and Diana C.

The NCWSA Convention is April 4-6, 2014 in Concord at the Concord Crown Plaza. The theme is “20 years one day at a time.” Rosanna can take your registration today. This is the 20th Anniversary of Convention. There will be AA and Alateen participation. All Convention Committee positions were filled at Assembly. Convention Committee stood up in front.

Convention is a weekend of Recovery, Experience, Strength and Hope. Convention is not a business meeting!

**Diversity Coordinator's Report** – Chris AC & Veronica

I took this position with the awareness that there would be lots of unknowns. One of them is that through the last few years there have been lots of transitions occurring in my life. I’ve been sharing this with Veronica and we have decided to switch positions. She is now your new Diversity Coordinator and I am the alternate. Yay!

Please save the date for our NCWSA Diversity Day which will take place on August 9 at the Billy DeFrank Community Center in San Jose. We need lots of help: Speaker panels such as transgender, single dads in recovery, Spanish meetings, plus food prep. If you'd like to join us please contact Veronica or me.

**Interpretation for Convention and Other NCWSA Events**
Last Assembly we had a couple of really good interpreters; they did it for a long time. With professional interpreters the members are getting the information clearly. Volunteer did not work out quite as well; they couldn’t follow. We need lots of help with this. A vision that I have is that each District would do its own outreach for this much-needed area of service. I encourage everyone to make connections with the Spanish-speaking community in your district and see if we can get more professionally trained people involved. It is ideal that they be professionally trained and have good working knowledge of our program language as well—not an easy task! But it can be done. If you know someone, please have them go to our website and fill out the language skills survey. This helps us create a list of trusted servants we can turn to.

Veronica would like to have a room for training for interpretation at the convention if we can. Additionally, we have a training via conference call coming up in April. Currently we will be using the interpretation equipment at a Hispanic Al-Anon convention for Adult Children of Alcoholics taking place at the end of March.

I still have the interpretation equipment which can be used for any of your District or Area events, so please don’t hesitate to contact me if you’d like to use it.

Veronica puts on a Workshop: Al-Anon in the Electronic Age. She is willing to come to your district.

If you have binders with you – Motions Passed Failed shows in Sept 2007 that money be available to hire interpreters.

**NCWSA Facilities Coordinator’s Report & BIDS – DeDe**  
Carol will be putting new mailing address in with Patti, the secretary. Use Carol's address if you need to send anything in hardcopy.

Welcome to Santa Rosa, California. $289 is the normal room price in this area. $129 for us is not bad; this event is costing us about same as Tracy (close to $1200). So we had to deal with paint.

We’ve had a lot of requests – we are looking at how best to serve this job beyond this panel – recently worked with Convention Committee to have set time for speakers on Fri, Sat, etc., have some basic set times so people know when to show up. This makes Convention planning easier.

Pre-registration is online for Convention. The Yosemite conference and Day in Al-Anon also have online registration. So DeDe talked with Errol and Chris and we are investigating online registration. If the details work out maybe we could provide online registration for events. Area will have a page that says NCWSA.org/Convention. Cutoff is March 31 for Convention pre-registration. Will always take paper reg. There is a PO box.

We have a microphone with more power– hard wired microphone – we changed equipment and this is much better.

We need feedback about online pre-registration (if committee accepts going forward with it for Assembly?)
Where is our May Assembly? May 17 – this is what she knows – any hotel in whole south – hard to get, as it is popular for prom now. Got a bid – in to Modesto – 15 to 25K for May 17. One bid is solid for Modesto but their space isn’t appropriate. Room is slightly bigger than this one to do Assembly!

Galt – need to get a place, Debbie got up – past facilities. Got a call – turnover meeting at Littleton center – was inexpensive since member went in and said local. She received a check in mail for $500 for that event. 2-1/2 years ago and she got a refund. We may want to consider this facility in Galt.

The Suggestion was made that we find 5-6 hotels in northern California and that we rotate our business through them.

The only way we can afford Convention at Concord is that we have many events there. The market is killing us financially.

Emails DeDe received yesterday: sorry, sorry, sorry…. full of weddings, events, etc. We can try to go back to hotels and see if we can establish relationship with a few hotels. Committee meetings we can go to smaller venues.

DeDe is asking the Committee for permission – to go outside area designated.

Discussion: Sheri – Fresno is possible - she knows people at the Radisson. Sandi C. likes the idea of big events. Fresno piece – Fresno is fabulous for 3 day Assembly, for one day, GRs won’t come. Fresno would be good for future Assemblies. A member mentioned that people get bitten by the service bug when Convention or Assembly comes to their town. Someone suggested we could go back to the Veteran’s Memorial in Santa Rosa possibly? Not available says DeDe. One person remarked that Fresno is farther north than Monterey.

The treasurer commented that in general for travel and facilities – Committee expenses have doubled compared with 2011.

Tom – this is February, 12 Stepper has to be put together in 3 weeks, and published, we need to make a decision about May Assembly today. We don’t want to forget about August event – San Francisco event.

DeDe-does understand rotation. We have a Central location (San Francisco) to be at for August. Walk through looked good; parking at the Center is free. Hotel part looks good.

**Group Records Coordinator’s Report** - Carol G.

It seems hard to believe we are now starting our third year on this panel. As most of you know, writing reports is NOT my favorite activity. I think I can finally say that I have figured out how to do this job. Well, at least I haven’t “quit” yet. I am getting closer to my goal of having “zero” groups in the “No Mail” status. When I assumed the role of Group Records Coordinator, I inherited 49 groups with that status. As of today, that number is down to 31. When a group is marked as “No Mail”, it means that the current mailing address is incorrect causing mail sent to that group by the WSO to be returned.

Not only does it cost the WSO first class postage for the returned mail, but it keeps
the group from getting valuable information from the WSO. I am asking that each DR check the information I have put in their bins and if you have any groups with a “No Mail” status, please see if you can get an accurate “mailing address” for that group.

I would also ask that when there are any changes to a groups’ information, an A-16 form be sent via email or snail mail to me. While I understand that people think it’s easier to just send a quick email with whatever information has changed in their group, it’s much easier for me to have the form filled out.

I continue to struggle with communicating when I DO receive emails from people regarding their groups’ information. I’m still a “work in progress”. I get so caught up in entering the data into the database, I sometimes forget to let people know that I have received their email.

I continue to be grateful to those who are always so willing to help me when I allow them the opportunity to do so. Thank you for giving me the chance to serve in this position and being part of my recovery.

**Institutions Coordinator’s Report**  – David

Report on what so many people are doing out there. One of the things this last year over $28K in Pink Can Fund. Grateful for this, please pass it along. Since Service was started, now helping people be able to get into all kinds of institutions, including psych ward in Berkeley. Members leave books behind and those in institutions read them every day.

There have been some new Institutions meetings started recently. One is an Alateen meeting in a family shelter in Sacramento, Working with young ones when parents in recovery meeting. I had the chance to share my experience, strength and hope with one of the members there when delivering literature from the Pink Can Fund. The other new meeting is also an Alateen meeting, this one at the Solano County Juvenile Hall. It, too, is receiving Alateen literature from the Pink Can Fund.

The NCWSA Institutions Committee-goal to have a well planned out Committee with positions to be filled and Guidelines.

Chico – 2014 H&I Conference (AA with Al-Anon Participation)– will be held May 3-4,2014 and focus on Shelters and Group Homes! Members on committee have contacts in the community. This is so helpful.

The Al-Anon meetings at the Folsom State Prison recently had an increase to the waiting list of over sixty inmates. A fourth meeting was added on Thursday nights. Also the meeting at the Folsom Women’s Facility expanded from a regular attendance of five, to forty members. The literature inventory quickly decreased in supplying books to the new members. There continue to be increases at some of the other facilities as well. Deb H. and the volunteers are looking for members to help carry the message of hope into these institutions. Please check the “D6-10” website for more information: ncwsa.org/d6-10.

**Literature Coordinator’s Report** – Diane S.

The report in your box, and also a flyer from Veronica, with the San Francisco writing workshop. You will receive the new service manual today.
The Forum is available electronically via the Nook—Patrick sent an email out about this. Cost is $11 annual, or $1.49 individual subscription. With free Nook app, the magazine can also be read on iPads, iPhones, Androids, computers (see Diana’s report in 12 Stepper for details)

How many electronically download the Forum? A few.
How many people electronic something? Many.

Some books available online (Having Had a Spiritual Awakening, $9.95), as digital audiobooks (How Al-Anon Works, $24.99), and some new books issued. (Legacies Workbook: Reaching for Personal Freedom, $16.00)

**PI/CPC Coordinator’s Report**—Bruce D.
Officially there are 4 qualifiers for each alcoholic. Alcoholism is a far-reaching and insidious disease. This job as PI/CPC Coordinator is very entrepreneurial. There is no limit to what can be done.

The Program and The Public is PI/CPC. Let’s raise 12-Step awareness. We can send the message into meeting rooms where members are and they can send out to the public. Maybe this year’s theme is “Outreach for everyone.”

Bruce has a Starbucks at Shoreline displaying customized district poster – for a long period. Anyone can do this. Any program information can change a life.

The Coordinators have been going around the districts – they extend the invitation to each District to consider holding a 30-minute outreach focus session at your District Business Meeting. In March 2014 they called on D16, D22 and D18. Contact them to schedule your date!

Tomorrow he’s going to be with Hispanic Intergroup, a new experience.

Thanks to District reps, there are now 11 new district outreach coordinators!

We have posters, banners, tablecloths and you can add your local contact information. Is there district pride in Al-Anon?

In Oct 2012 Seaside – Pat Q’s opening remarks, a statement of outreach: He talked about paralysis in his assessment of public outreach. Don’t just sit there, do something. In the other program they know “You can’t keep it unless you give it away.”

11th Tradition – Attraction rather than Promotion. How can I attract without promoting?

Thanks for time and attention given to outreach.

**12 Stepper Coordinator**—Tom K

In order to get 12 Stepper published and sent out, Tom needs reports by a week from tomorrow. Maybe you can write something about your position that might look attractive.

It is OK to send district reports. Later during this meeting we will talk about fliers we include in 12 Stepper.

Tom is from San Francisco and finds it awesome to be part of this tradition that started in 1950 – Ruth started sending out newsletter. He is carrying on that tradition.
Marilyn R., past delegate – much material has gone to Archives from her – at the Archives event he got a copy of Oct 1988 12Stepper. Lois died Oct 5 1988. Also last weekend Tom took a little walk with Marilyn. She’s in good spirits.

**Website Coordinator’s Report** – Errol

Errol gave a tour of the website since he and Chris made major changes.

**Highlights:**
You can stop news and announcements from scrolling.
Meetings by List: can’t see the entire table – on mobile devise scroll left and right. You get scroll bar at bottom on smaller screen.

You can go to meeting by large list to get all info to display across on a computer if you are using full screen.

On map click on “map controls” at top to limit by city or other limiters

IE8 (Internet Explorer version 8) has some problems with Find Meetings display, not yet resolved. Maybe upgrade to another version of IE.

Someone asked: Is it possible to make it a little clearer to get to NCWSC Guideline? Errol is going to make it B.00 and it will show at top of list

How to find Coordinator pages? Depends on which. He can put “Coordinators” on top and have individual coordinators

Upcoming events – looks very good.

Submit an event – you can fill in information and it will be put on the website within about 24 hours. Errol and/or Charli will approve for Alateen safety.

Should business meetings be shown on the events list on the right of the calendar?

Can we add coordinator information on slider to ask for more service participation?

**Officers & Delegate Reports**

**Alternate Delegate’s Report & TEAM** – Patrick for Johanna, who is away with family matters.

**T.E.A.M.**
Who is planning to go? Many people raised hands (like ½ or more of us).

TEAM stands for Together Empowering Al-Anon Members. This replaced the Regional Service Seminars. TEAM is encouraging partnership with WSO and Area. 3 people from WSO and a Trustee will be there. In So Cal they had everything together in one room. We can spend the day talking about topics that are relevant to our area. The members from WSO share for 15 min each. 320 people attended in So Cal. How many people do we want more or less? MORE!
This is a service-oriented event for everyone, not just for DRs etc. Please spread the word - Sept 6, 2014 in Alamo.

**Area Alateen Process Person’s Report** – Charli
Just got transaction detail by account $360 for reimbursed fees for AMIAS. Districts reimburse if they can afford it. More often this is donated by AMIAS

AMIAS Yahoo Group has gotten very active, two people unsubscribed last week.

This job is so much fun if you get personal satisfaction from keeping nice records and databases and figure out what systems can do for you. People design systems individually. New Year’s resolution to get info to Bonnie, who maintains the yahoo group, to purge former AMIAS from list.

Approving event flyers – gets support from Web team, Errol – gets flyers published. Can send to website and website will send it to Charli (it will go to Charli or person doing the AAPP job). They work together.

We have 362 certified AMIAS, 18 partial applications. 80 registered groups.

Re-certification – needs help from DRs on this: Charli has list on clipboard of who is your DAPP (District Alateen Process Person). She needs to complete recertification by end of May, exact date unknown yet. Charli doesn’t have info on rules this year from WSO.

Alateen Group – annual update must be in and AMIAS associated with that group, otherwise the group will be closed down. Must respond to this right away, fill it out and get it back to Charli.

Charli spent much time tracking these down last year. Check AMIAS Yahoo group; make sure you have AMIAS in place.

**Chairperson’s Report** – Yvonne de G.
Assembly Feedback – people loved the workshops on Friday. We happened to get those meeting rooms without additional cost, so we try to do again, but sometimes need to pay a lot of money for the rooms. Lunch went well, received suggestions for other possibilities.

Thank you to districts who invited her and District 17 who invited to do Lois skit with Archives Coordinators.

Yvonne facilitated the monthly phone calls with officers. The officers had two meetings in person, and the last one at Claude’s house. In person meetings give the opportunity for visual cues, which are lacking on the phone conference calls.

I created 2 more thought forces: 1. **Focus Box** issue and 2. **Gender Neutral steps** will report back at 3 day assembly.

Also I have followed up on the prison thought force created 2 ½ years ago and need to take this back to Assembly and ask if there is a need still for it.
I got together with Claude, Chris M & Carla G and we updated the NoCAC Guidelines to a workable document and created a task force chaired by Bonnie M. to review them and hopefully implement them for a 2 year trial period.

I have been thinking about election assembly – how to have them, please put out to past DRs – see if they want to come back into area service as officers (coordinators?).

1 day Assembly – we can do workshops if we have breakout rooms. Similar to Day in Al-Anon people ask, but we actually need to do business as well. Contact Yvonne if want to do workshop.

If you have an opening at a speaker meeting or want officer or coordinator to come to your district, we can send someone, invite him or her.

Thank you for inviting me to Days in Al-Anon.

I will be doing Coordinator check-in calls this year.

Everybody is doing his job and most everyone has alternate (except David, Institutions).

Do people want Committee dinner on Friday evenings? RSVP is a problem, and hassle with receipts, etc. If long drive, dinner can take too long. Buffet style dinner at the hotel – positive response.

Sandi C – one of the most fun meetings was a potluck at a DRs house. Other DRs came. So this is a possibility too. Eureka did a potluck before speaker meeting.

**Delegate's Report** – Patrick B.

Forum available electronically
Updated WSO members website
E-Alateen service guide on the website, please explore – go to [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org), don’t use old bookmark.
Electronic version of Area highlights! Service information from all areas – lots of information.

Patrick will attend SWRDM March 14-16 in Tucson, along with chair and alt delegate. This meeting prepares delegates within our region for attendance at WSO conference.

Patrick will be attending his 3rd and final WSO Conference, “Our Spiritual Principles in Action,” April 25-29; this is why we are having one-day assembly May 17

Since the beginning of this year, Patrick visited District 3 and 22. He has visited 21 of 27 districts during his term as delegate. He isn’t going to name districts but he is willing to come to rest!

New Service Manual 2014-2017. May come with next copy of forum to groups. Encourage groups to display the service manual! Many people don’t know we have one.

The Groups At Work is also something to point out (part of service manual) – can run a meeting from this.
How do we encourage others to be of service? Being willing is important. You can ask someone if they are interested, or can tell him or her that they might be good

Patrick attended the TEAM in So Cal – Ric B. did another version of GR Boot Camp (like he did at our event a few years ago). 320 people attended; 40 were no-shows.

3-year trial for TEAM is over and the Board of Trustees voted to make it a permanent part of the Al-Anon structure.

Readiness for Step Twelve Survey results are out- see it on WSO member website (under Individuals > Survey for Members)

Chair of the Board Letter is available on the members website – let people know this is out there; conference summary are there also back to 1961!

Task Force Patrick is on is in the minutes but aren’t suppose to say anything while in progress.

Meet the Board – Board event will be held in Newfoundland, Labrador on Sat July 19,2014.

Al-Anon cooperated with a survey – results on WSO member site, Al-Anon Family Groups – newcomers and members.

Service opportunities at WSO level.
Trustee at Large – resumes are due August 15, 2014.
1. 28-60 days a year of travel
Executive Committee on Real Property Management) - resumes due August 15,2014
Forum Editorial Advisory Committee - resumes due by April 25, 2014
Alateen Work Group At Large Member – 1-year commitment – resumes due by April 25, 2014
Public Outreach Committee – resumes due by April 25, 2014
Literature Committee - resumes due by April 25, 2014

Require 5 years of Al-Anon membership, 10 years for Trustees, plus other qualifications

An electronic, searchable version of the new Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (2014-17) is available on the website.

**Area Structure:**

Top 3 challenges – Patrick sent out document.

What’s next? Many people we aren’t hearing from. We have 300 GRS attending Assembly but 800 groups. 

Maybe a roving panel to go to outlying area and bring workshops on some of topics expressed as challenges.

NoCAC – Patrick attended, it was his first time and was an amazing experience. Really important to teens and can see energy and bonds formed. Helping teens recover.
Question on new electronic meetings – how are they represented? What Area are they part of – Virginia Beach. Patrick needs to get more information.

Kim H. spoke to this – roving committee for travel – that we reap the benefit of having many past DRs be part of that. Will be reaching out to past DRs.

Art-page 84 of Service Manual talks about electronic meetings – do not have a group representative and are not part of any structure.

Secretary’s Report – Patti R.
- Working on procrastination and perfectionism issues regarding secretary’s duties with HP
- Didn’t understand how much time with paperwork was involved with this job
- Trying to get things done sooner
- How to participate in meetings, while recording minutes? Helpers to take minutes for 10-15 minutes at a time if I want to speak at the microphone. Also sometimes I need breaks!
- Appreciative of support and advice received.
- Glad to meet all of you!
- A hard time asking for help, but when I did, people stepped up for one task or another. Good lesson of this position.
- Hopefully there will be a position created to assist the Secretary – I’d love to see that in place before the next panel as it was suggested in the last Panel.
- A pile of printed rosters near the Bins if you haven’t already – feel free to take one if you need a printed copy – I made 30 of them.
- Please change any information that is incorrect for you on the “Secretary’s Copy” that is right next to the Bins.
- Help with mailing today?
- Please check your bins periodically during the day. And leave your nametag in there at the end of the day-that’s a good way to check the bins at the end of the day. Some notices don’t get in there until later in the day.

Treasurer’s Report - Claude D.
- The mileage rate is .56 for 2014.
- When submitting expenses, do not use an old form, which has a different rate.
- Claude E-filed the sales and use tax for 2013 in January 2014.
- Claude reviewed the Financial statements with the Committee, comments included:
  1. The bank accounts are all reconciled.
  2. Prepaid expenses are for future convention, facilities, insurance and other.
  3. Facility: these are deposits not used yet. Insurance: for future part of policy.
  4. Prepaid other: institutions coordinator and committee for H&I Conference
  5. Accounts Payable – this represents checks not paid until January.
  6. Accrued expenses – this is the rent due to district 12 for corporate storage
  7. Deferred Convention Income – this is prepaid for convention received. Includes Sales and use tax payable.

- Claude received a handwritten note from director of WSO for our donation.
• Regarding NoCAC 2013-Claude received a detailed account by Dec 31! Checks were signed by 2 signatures as they were supposed to. One deposit of checks received was delayed but did get deposited. Omar, former treasurer of NoCAC, is in attendance at the meeting today.

**Intergroup Liaisons**

**District 6-10 Intergroup Report** - Lisa K.

- Our AIS office is located at 5429 Palm Ave, Suite A, Sacramento, CA. Our office hours are Monday – Wednesday 10-3 pm and Thursday’s 10-4 pm. Closed Friday – Sunday. Our email is aisbookcenter@yahoo.com.

- We print our meeting schedules quarterly available both in our monthly newsletter, Share & Care, and at each meeting.

- Our Intergroup voted to accept the newly formed “all volunteer AIS office” on a sixth month trial basis. They have already been working with solely volunteers since July of 2013 when our office manager left. Now having all volunteers, the AIS has 7 coordinator positions: Office & Facility, Communications, Literature, Finances, Office Volunteers, After Hours Phone and Share & Care Subscriptions.

- In March, Intergroup will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for all our office volunteers.

- Intergroup is seeking some guidance and suggestions regarding accounting for the office – whether is should be a “cash” or “accrual basis.” We invite any members to share their thoughts and I will be reaching out to other literature distribution centers to see what they use.

- Attending the Assembly in October and the theme of “What is well-served group?” got me thinking and I began attending the district meetings to ask them if the AIS office and Intergroup are serving the districts as best they can. DR’s and GR’s are invited to share their thoughts and contact me with questions and suggestions.

- Intergroup has about five positions open right now and we are having some trouble getting them filled. We need the following positions filled: Recording Secretary, Alternate Chair, Alateen Coordinator, Institutions Coordinator and Spring Fling Coordinator(s). The main concern is getting a Recording Secretary -as it is vital position needed in order to maintain our non-profit status.

The **AA Spring Fling (with Al-Anon participation) will be held February 14-16 at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento.** There will be an Alathon and Al-Anon Donation Drawing!!

Lisa had also spoken with Claude about accounting for her area.

**Northern California Hispanic Intergroup** – Janie
Janie represents 33 Spanish speaking groups from 10 districts.  
21st anniversary is in San Leandro in April.  
Al-Anon speaker is same person who spoke at the Assembly  
She didn't bring flyers – forgot them, will get it on email.  
Suggests that anyone who wants to take this service – need be bilingual.  
Many positions open. It is the 2nd year for Janie as Intergroup liaison. She was told by Julietta, the previous person, that the usual service is 6 years for her position (she nearly fainted).  
Workshops on traditions, everyone has been asked to speak at different events, they have done outreach, at fairs. The Alateen Sponsor is getting fingerprinted.  
Alateen Spanish-speaking meeting was requested – but don’t have enough sponsors yet.  

**East Bay – Spanish Intergroup** – no one to report  

**Santa Clara Valley Intergroup** – no one to report  

**Old Business** - none  

**New Business**  

**Electronic voting** - DeDe/Yvonne  

At World Service Conference they do electronic voting. How does it work, how long investment pay back? 1-1/2 years. Paper works for us but we are outgrowing.  

DeDe presents:  
ARS Rentals for instance – audience response rentals – credit card sized digital pad. Instead of voting card would have electronic, tally happens instant,  

October 10-11-12, 2014 election: A could be yes, B could be no.  

We would still need process for counting voters but maybe not a count off.  
Elections/Business – we try to do too much this weekend, people don’t come. Filled so many positions to have a fall assembly room and do coordinator positions. We can get through it quickly.  
Cost: $4/unit x 350 needed = $1400 x 2 days = $2,800. High end $9,000. If you want to purchase, the cost is $15,000.  

**Discussion:**  

What is the highest number of candidates could we have - several option. There will be an app coming up, probably; John has used this at world service and in business and it is easy to use and intuitive and worth it. We do need experience. Choice we are making is to save time. We increasingly have more qualified people standing for positions that require 2/3 votes. We had 300 voting GRs at close.
About 6 people have used these. 300 GRs, many new to recovery, this can get complicated. Let’s try it out on a nothing subject first – do a practice run. May be more complicated than we think.

Cynthia – many past GRs would love this – the input of information. Someone on site needs to set up names. Art was host in 3 election assemblies, never being chair. 3-6 hours. Someone said let’s do it in Fall Assembly – then had no time to do regular business. Has used this kind of system – worked really well. Election takes minutes instead of several hours. Chris has used this technology too and had it work fine. There are apps for this right now. There are systems that you can vote by text message.

Ellen D 26 – has had to explain to group reps and holding card in air, leaving room, that this might be simpler. We can’t assume our group reps aren’t smart people. Especially if can be at 3 day assembly. Sandi C – just counting off we would save so much time. We wouldn’t count off.

DeDe – really excited about the app, didn’t know about text message. If you have an iPad you can use it. The cost is $750 for the software.

Patrick – was at World Service when they first used electronic voting. People were in tears when went through the process. It saves a ton of time.

Rosanna- like the idea – put on agenda in May for GRs. If we decide we want to do this, the GRs need to approve the use of the funds. Art – we do have a chairman’s discretionary fund – and could use that or ask for E.C. approval. Patrick – we should ask the GRs, good form to ask the GRs. Kim H. Yes executive committee is authorized. Delta D17-intergroup – GRs vote for the good of their group. We do not make any decisions that would harm man woman child. GRs would all want this; none of them liked the Assembly. Kim - take it to the district meetings and see what the GRs say. Charli – in general this body will recommend to the Assembly that this action be taken. Take it back to the districts per what Kim said.

Chris – we will be saving money on not doing two assemblies. Let’s move forward and act as if. Debbie – like the idea and the conversation – suggestion is to let them know the rental fee and the purchase price. We don’t know if we want to continue using it. This is first try out.

Text: That NCWSA rents an electric voting system to use at the 2014 Fall Assembly, dependent on approval by GRs at 2014 May Assembly.
Moved by David B., Institutions Coordinator
Seconded by Gina R., DR, D5
Passed with No one opposed, 2 Abstentions

May need Bylaws change eventually – an exception is made for trial things, so don’t need to change Bylaws now.

Get on the Bus committee for going to T.E.A.M. – Gina R., DR, D5

-Having busses for districts interested that would take Al-Anon members from their District to the TEAM Event in Alamo this September 2014.

This was first discussed in DR Meeting.
Cash outlay might be $12,000 but could be recouped from those taking bus.

Discussion:
Car pool or rent a minivan recommended by Tom, as less expensive alternative. Kim gave information for those not in the DR meeting. $3,000 is approximate price of one bus. To really serve the needs of area, Fresno, Monterey, up north and east. We would need 4 buses from different areas.
Good job everyone said Diana S. 3 carpools – thought best to have multiple vehicles, rent vans, etc.
Joyce – question of insurance coverage were raised. Most districts don’t have insurance to cover it, and she doesn’t even want to ask.

Carpooling for people who are far out, start 3 or 4 in morning and get home by midnight – bus gives opportunity to talk and get to know one another. Bus is less stress and more fun.

Idea for bus sounds nice, but $12,000 is a huge amount. Travel for whole committee for 5 different events were less than $7,000. How much will district contribute to this?

Chris, carpooling is great, we can’t support the expense.

Charli – is expensive for people in Fresno, Eureka to attend events in relative center. $12,000 is too much for us to approve. But we need to think about whether we should do to help out.

Have a fund for outlying districts, like WSO has different rates for people.
Yvonne – Let’s go back to members and see what GRs want.
Fund raising maybe?

Thank you, Gina for standing up.

**What events does the area provide insurance for?**

Events we hold: Sponsors R&R and a few others we cover
Other events through district, the district submits and they file for that
We have provided insurance in the past for the Growing Together Weekend; they are required to pay in full for the coverage, which was $280 last time.

Special event in northern California – Yosemite Summit – suppose it was all Al-Anon – could they get insurance, if only Al-Anon (it isn’t – it is AA sponsored event).

Joyce – if there is an event more than 24 hours or more than 250 people.

Hispanic Convention – would we do it and be reimbursed for it? This came up before.

John – confused – if northern California were paying insurance, we voted to support them, not just doing it.

If John starts an Al-Anon event in Half Moon Bay can ask for insurance but needs to pay.
Free for NCWSA sponsored events.

Should they be covering district events?

Days in Al-Anon can be covered.

Events pay $30 to pay certificate. So if there is an event and something happens – what is the impact to the Area’s insurance if something happens? It is a claim on our insurance –

Home meeting was asking for insurance and couldn’t get response from NCWSA. Meeting paid $38 per month for separate policy.

Is there a need for a turnaround time for insurance application certificates? - Joyce D

Person submits application to carrier – she submitted within a week. I received about 30 requests per year, none for months and months then 5 at a time.

On guideline for paying committee members for events held outside our Area and budgeting for that.

RSS ended and TEAM was created for education purposes. RSS was paid for once every panel, and it was changed to TEAM. You will get your TEAM in Northern California paid for. Yvonne loves attending events outside the Area.

John clarifies: In 1985 raised to $500 per person to attend.

In 2002, pre-TEAM, Assembly authorized expenditures to send Chair, Alt Delegate and Delegate to International Convention or another RSS event. (Because we weren’t having one in our Area).

Can we authorize this to a TEAM event? We do have one this panel here. Or can you take the money and go to another location? Request is to have this be regional. When Charli was Secretary they went to RSS in Portland, then a few years later in Tucson. WSO may think it was the words of wisdom that was what they took back, but it was the experience of how Tucson did it, how Portland did things.

Events: Patrick read from his notepad – item H covers an event this area is hosting.

Make a separate guideline line:

Text: To amend the NCWSC Guideline as follows: Under XI. Expenses of NCWSC members:

Amend h. to say “Together Empowering Al-Anon (Alateen) Members, held within NCWSA boundaries (once every three years):” and to add “j. Together Empowering Al-Anon (Alateen) Members held outside NCWSA boundaries, but within the Southwest Region (once every three years) Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson.”
Passed with 1 against, 2 abstentions

**Flyer Approval**

Ellen, D26: With the website where we submit the flyers – I have been told – why do flyers that don’t have anything to do with Alateen have to be approved by AAPP to be posted. Ellen believes this goes against the Traditions and Concepts.

Charli’s understanding is that one of the bodies insisted upon this. Sometimes someone would send something to Errol, and then he would have to send to Charli. The current system is in place because of this.

If a flyer says it is going to abide by Alateen Safety, then it must be approved. Errol and Charli have found that two sets of eyes sometimes picks up more.

Ellen appreciates the speed, has no problem with that. She has a problem – that is under that – insidious thing – that Alateen has become the place of control of what we do – if we know we have an Al-Anon event where we will not have Alateen participation, why should we have to submit flyers to Charli – have we stepped beyond the traditions – is the Area taking over something that is not appropriate.

Art – the only restriction you have is if you want to put on the Area website you need to go through review. WSO instructs us to put special requirements around Alateens. Every organization that involves children must do this.

Art put on event “meet requirements” statement on a flyer – and his was rejected because he didn’t have Alateen participation. No participation, no statement.

It is protection of the Area because info is on Area website. District websites can be reached through NCWSA.

If we are putting flyers out there, why wouldn’t we want to abide by safety requirements just in case.

Al-Anon Adults cannot go to Alateen unless approved.

**NCWSA Corporate Records Storage:**

We would like to move storage before end of Panel to new less expensive location:

We are currently using the SF District Office in San Francisco to store our records. The expense is high and parking very expensive. We have a storage space in the Bay Area off 680 where we store convention stuff and electronic equipment. We pay $45 per month for our big storage. In San Francisco we pay $225 per month. The Dublin-Pleasanton Storage has no parking fees, no BART.

Also combine another piece of storage there -maybe prison literature. David needs a place for storage of Institutions books too.
5 or 6 years ago we moved to San Francisco. There are no Bylaw restrictions to location of storage.

DeDe-basics of our current Pleasanton storage – we are on 30-day notice, so we can move. $45 was reasonable. Location is near intersection of 580 and 680 – not officially climate control but not a bad climate. She can't put AV back tonight but can tomorrow. Currently we rent a space that is 5' x 8' and there are no rodents.

Someone mentioned that we have storage for Archives – why don’t we combine them? In the future we could, right now Archives storage is in Santa Cruz, where Coordinator lives.

The San Francisco office doesn’t have normal hours. We will keep Archives storage close to Archives Coordinator. We can use a combination lock on the storage, per DeDe.

**Motion Text:** To close out San Francisco storage and move to Dublin-Pleasanton storage.

*Motion made by Tom K., Twelve Stepper Editor*  
*Motion seconded by Ellen G., DR, D26*  
*Passed with 1 Abstention*

Respectfully submitted by  
Patti Ruane  
Secretary, NCWSA, Panel 52  
May 14, 2014.  
Revised and approved 5/18/14 by NCWSC.