# Oregon Area Al-Anon Assembly Host: Virtual July 17, 2021

Start: 8:30 am

Welcome; Serenity Prayer, Reminders (Microphone & Voting Statement): Dawn K., Chair.

- Reminders
  - To keep the Oregon Area Al-Anon informed much of the Assembly is composed of regularly scheduled reports.
  - The Assembly is planned in advance by the Oregon Area World Service Committee. Questions and suggestions for upcoming Agendas should be directed to your District Representative or to another appropriate member of the Area World Service Committee (AWSC)
  - o To make a comment or ask a question type Comment in the Chat and the Chat monitor (Trish) will call on members in order.
  - o To talk unmute yourself.
  - o Limit one-time (2) minutes per discussion, don't repeat a point already voiced by others.
  - No Photography
  - o Recording will be made by the secretary to assist with accurately documenting the minutes.
  - We will attempt to use Polls to gain group conscience; we are using the naming convention to tell who is a GR for voting.
  - o It is requested you attend all day.
- Depending on your role at this assembly specifies if you have Voice and or Voting abilities.
  - o Group Representatives (GR's) Voice & Vote
  - AWSC Members Voice
    - District Representatives (DR's); Coordinators; Officers; AIS Liaison; Audit Budget; Past Delegates
  - Visitors (No Voice or Vote, please talk to your GR or DR with any questions or concerns you have)
  - o If you are an Alt. GR and your GR is here, you're a visitor so we only have one voting member per group.

**12 Traditions:** Page 15 in the Service Manual Read by: Trish DR D7

12 Concepts & Warranties: Page 17 in the Service Manual Read by: Kory DR D16

# Virtual Meeting Participation Guidelines Discussion & Group Conscience – Dawn K. Chair

- Reviewed the 3/16/2021 Draft of the Virtual Meeting Participation Guidelines.
- Poll Do you accept the Virtual Meeting Participation Guidelines as presented? Everyone Votes
  - o 100% acceptance
  - No concerns or comments about the Virtual meeting Participation Guidelines

#### Roll Call: Deanna M. Secretary

- Excused: Bunny PD P38, Wendy W. DR D2 (Nancy Alt DR D2 represented), Jenni H. DR D6, Joan F. CPC
- Absent: Julie S. DR D1, Elaine R. DR D8, Helen L. DR D9, Charles T. DR D12, Nancy P. DR D14, Julie G. Website
- Past Delegates in attendance: Judy J. Panel 41
- Vacant Positions: District Representatives: 3, 8, 15; Communicator; Archives
- Zoom Poll: What is your Al-Anon Position at the Assembly today? If you hold more than one position, pick all that apply.
  - o GR's (Allowed Voice & Vote): 33 Total At time of Poll
  - o DR's (Allowed Voice): 8
  - o Coordinators/AIS Liaison/Audit Budget/Past Delegates (Allowed Voice): 13
  - Special Guest, Invited by Chair (Allowed Voice at Requested times): Alexa OAC Chair
  - Visitor (No Voice or Vote Message your DR with questions or concerns): 1
- At time of Poll: 33 Voting GR's and 59 Attendees

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**Approval of Minutes:** March 2021 Assembly Minutes were approved as presented. Motion by Kathy W. GR D17 H.U.G.S, Diana O. GR D6 Steps for Growth (34 Yes, 0 No's, 1 Abstain)

Corrections: No Corrections

## Treasurer's Report: Barb B. Treasurer; (See Attachment - Treasurer's Report)

- Reported
  - Sent the Treasurers report out early so there would be time for feedback, I didn't receive any questions or feedback.
  - We didn't receive a lot of donations in June.
- Reminders/Announcements
  - Remind all Groups: Make all donations payable to Oregon Area AFG & mail to Barb B.'s Tualatin Address. All contributions should include: District #, WSO #, Group Name.
    - You may E-Mail Barb B. the Treasurer at: Treasurer@oregonal-anon.org for the address
    - Barb B. will be the treasurer through the end of 2021 and then there will be a new address to send to. Encourage group treasurers to verify Treasurers address to prevent delayed deposits and outstanding checks.
- Questions/Comments:
  - Stephen Y. DR D10 Can you give us the bottom-line numbers are? Have we under spent or overspent?
    - Barb B. Treasurer To date we have underspent under the budget since meetings have been virtual and the budget was planned for a year of partial virtual, partial in person. Since we are hoping to have in-person events the last quarter so the expenses will be greater. We don't vote on the Treasurer's report just file it.

#### AWSC Recap: Dawn K. Chair

- At the June AWSC there were Several Thought Forces and Task Forces started
  - Thought Force What is going to happen to Electronic only meeting in our Service Structure? We must come up with policy and procedure in our area to decide if we want to accept or deny these groups into our Oregon Area Service Structure.
  - Thought Force The Future of the Communicator. The Communicator was the Oregon Area's newsletter, in print and in e-mail. It was the way to let the groups know about what was happening at all levels of Al-Anon across the state and to spread budget and AWSC reports. Sharing's had declined and our Editor stepped down. The Oregon Area has a new website and the thought force will look at if using the website to disperse information is a better path.
  - Thought Force Reaching out to Dark districts (Dark Districts are a reference to Districts and Groups that don't have representation at the Oregon Area.) These groups are not tied into our Service Structure and don't have representation.
  - The AWSC Approved an Area Process for handling nominations for a Regional Trustee positions. If someone wants to stand for a Trustee from our area, we now have a process. Then we were able to practice the process because Bunny G. PD P38 stood for the position of Northwest Regional trustee. As an AWSC we affirmed that nomination.
  - Clarified some instructions to the Audit/Budget Committee regarding funding Past Delegates to attend
    the NWRDM (Northwest Regional Delegates Meeting.) The Audit/Budget committee will poll the active
    past Delegates on who wants to attend prior to making the budget. Then we will budget for that many
    people to go which clarified some conflicting information.
  - Approved a Public Outreach Survey that was developed by District 10 for use throughout the area.
     Figuring out how to reach out to Dark Districts and to figure out what brought people to Al-Anon.
  - Archives position is empty, and a new archives coordinator will be elected in November.
  - Alternate Delegate Bonnie stepped down and Sue was appointed being the immediate past Delegate and already a member of AWSC that was up to date on the happenings of the Oregon.

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**Delegates Report**: Katie W., Delegate; (See Attachment – *Delegate's Report*)

- Contact through <a href="mailto:delegate@oregonal-anon.org">delegate@oregonal-anon.org</a>
- Gave a presentation on Rotation of Leadership (May be viewed temporarily at: (<a href="https://www.oregonal-anon.org/assembly-corner/july-assembly-extras">https://www.oregonal-anon.org/assembly-corner/july-assembly-extras</a>)
- At the June AWSC a thought force for Electronic AFG's and Oregon Service Structure was started. The desire is to have three AWSC members and three GR's from across the state. Asked for 3 GR's to stand. Bonnie W. GR D10 How Al-Anon Works, Leila P. GR D9 NW at Noon, and Linda R. GR D4 Courage to Change joined the task force.
  - o Charge: To research and guide the process of allowing a Permanently Electronic Meeting into our service structure or not. Where does Oregon wants to go with this information?
  - Committee Meredith DR D5, Rita S. DR D17, Kory S-R. DR 16, Bonnie W. GR D10, Leila P. GR D9, and Linda R. GR D4; Joanne C Group Records & Katie Auxiliary Members.
  - o Report Back in November; Follow ups with Task Force
- Questions:
  - O What is a Thought and Task Force?
    - See Service Manual Pages 70-72. A thought Force does research on a topic (Charge), the Thought Force uses Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) (What do we know? What do we need to know? What do we want to know?...) The Thought Force puts together the recommendation and brings it to AWSC. If AWSC decides to move forward with the recommendation than a Task Force is created that implements the decision.
- Bunny G. PD P38 stood for Northwest Regional Trustee and voted in by substantial unanimity at the June AWSC. As part of the newly accepted procedure of nominating a Trustee from Oregon the nominee will be presented to the July Assembly for affirmation (not vote). The Delegate announces the nominee and asks for the Assembly to affirm the AWSC's vote by group conscience.
  - o Poll: Affirmation of the nomination for Bunny G. to continue in the process of applying for Northwest Regional Trustee.
    - o Group Conscience Yes (34); No (0); Abstain (2) Affirmed

**Workshop: Group Service Positions** – Nancy Alt DR D2 & Roxanne Alt GR D2 Happy Hour– (May be viewed temporarily at: (https://www.oregonal-anon.org/assembly-corner/july-assembly-extras)

Audit/Budget Report – Sue B (See Attachment – Audit Budget Report)

#### **February AWSC:**

- Two Districts Stood to host the February AWSC. District 2 (Lincoln City Coast Area) District 4 (Salem Area)
- Took a poll of AWSC members for location of the February 2022 meeting. (Simple Majority)
  - o 11 Votes District 4
  - o 9 Votes District 2
  - o 5 Abstain
- District 4 will host the February 2022 AWSC.

## **PRAASA Announcement –** Judy J (See Attachment – *PRAASA*)

- Looking for Volunteers March 4-6, 2022 for the Al-Anon Participation in the Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA)
- It will be held in Portland at the Red Lion on the Columbia.
- The Save the Date Flyer will be available soon.
- Contact for being on the committee or assisting with the committee
  - Panel-41@oregonal-anon.org is Judy J.'s e-mail address
- Questions:
  - o Is this an advance or a donation?
    - It is a Donation

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- Audit Budget met on the break and determined that if this motion was to pass, we figured out we had room in the budget to make it happen.
- Poll Motion #1 One-Time Motion
  - Do you approve of the Oregon Area making a donation in the amount of \$700 to support the Al-Anon committee to plan Al-Anon participation in the March 2022 PRAASA? Motion by Judy J. PD P41,
     Seconded by Regis GR D17
    - Yes (30); No (0); Abstain (1)
    - Motion Carried

## Alateen/OAC Report

- Alexa Oregon Alateen Conference (OAC) Chair, Kimmie Co-Chair OAC, Liam OAC Committee Member, DJ OAC Committee Member all shared experience, Strength and Hope about their experiences at OAC.
- 2021 OAC will be held in person at the Molalla Retreat Center on August 6,7,8.
- Thanked all the Districts and groups for the donations which have exceeded their expectations. With not being able to fundraise the traditional way the generosity of the membership was greatly appreciated.
- The donations will go to offer a safe place for kids for a weekend of friendship and program working.
- Questions:
  - Kory DR D16 Can Alateens who have never attended an Alateen meeting or OAC in the past still attend?
    - Yes, they can still register. On July 27<sup>th</sup> the registration cost will increase. The Registration form is not on the Area website but you can e-mail Mary W. Alateen Chair <u>alateen@oregonalanon.org</u> and she can send you a registration form and answer questions or you should be able to acquire a registration packet from an AMIAS (Al-Anon Member in Alateen Service).
  - Burn GR D10 When is OAC happening and what is the donation information, and can we still donate?
    - Mary W. OAC will be August 6,7,8 at the Molalla Retreat Center in Molalla Oregon. The total donations received far are \$8143. That's \$7,798 since Alexa asked for Al-Anon contributions, so it is overwhelming the love that Al-Anon has given. There is an OAC committee prudent reserve that is separate incase of unexpected expenses. Donation address was added to the chat. Please contact Mary W. at <a href="mailto:alateen@oregonal-anon.org">alateen@oregonal-anon.org</a> for the OAC treasurer's mailing address to send donations. Make check donations out to OAC.
  - Dawn B. P.I. Are all the teens who spoke today part of the OAC committee, and will they be participating as a leader or a participant? How many typically attend.
    - Alexa Yes all are part of the committee and will also be participants. Typically, 75 to 50 attend. Ages are 12-19 years old.

Book Report - How Al-Anon Works - Mia GR D17 Westlinn AFG (See Attachment - Book Report)

**Electronic & Hybrid Meetings Discussion** – Joanne C. Group Records Coordinator & Stephen Y. DR D10 (See Attachment – Electric & Hybrid Meetings)

- Shared a PowerPoint on Face-To-Face, Electronic & Hybrid Groups. (May be viewed temporarily at: (https://www.oregonal-anon.org/assembly-corner/july-assembly-extras)
- Suggested checklist for groups Face-to-Face Meetings (See Attachment Checklist)
- Explained different types of meetings
  - o Face-to-Face (In-Person) is the traditional meeting style with no virtual aspect
  - Temporary Electronic Meeting is a meeting that was Face-to-Face and due to the pandemic moved to a virtual platform temporarily. WSO has not put a sunset date on this type of meeting yet and is in the works of figuring this out, it is suggested that even if your meeting is considering staying Electronic that they stay in this Temporary Electronic Status for now until the WSO has created a completed the policy on Electronic meetings becoming AFG's and how that ties into the Area. If a group changes its registration to Electronic

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- only, they currently will lose their tie to the area and would not have representation, voice, or vote at the area. (More to Come.)
- Electronic Meeting is a 100% virtual meeting registered with the WSO as such and has no current voice or vote with an area. No geographical area.
- Hybrid meeting (Simultaneous) is a meeting where there is one meeting at the same time with all the same people in attendance in which some are sharing virtually, and some are face-to-face but all in the same meeting. Must bring a phone or computer so that all members are in the same meeting.
- Concurrent Meeting (Parallel)

   – (This is not recognized by WSO). This would be a meeting that has
  broken into two separate meetings one is meeting Face-to-Face and the other virtually. Even if they
  occur at the same exact time. In this case the Virtual portion needs to re-apply with WSO for their own
  WSO ID number.
- The reason for WSO not accepting a concurrent meeting structure is because when a group splits and has a face-to-face meeting and a virtual meeting they are having two separate meetings. How are the members in the electronic meeting going to be representative at that in person meeting? When you split the meetings, the electronic portion is going to breaking away from the group and they need to have their own Identity at WSO. Ex. If the business meeting happens at the Face-to-Face Meeting than those at the Virtual one would not be able to participate.
- For further questions you may contact Joanne at group-records@oregonal-anon.org
- Questions:
  - Mark W. GR D5: In Tradition 1 Our common welfare must come first. That would apply to our health and safety of others.
    - Joanne C. is pushing the envelope with WSO about this very thing but for now an AFG is not allowed to ask about vaccinations or masks for members to attend. Now if the State or facility requires them then that is on them, but Al-Anon groups can not require it. The only requirement for Al-Anon membership is that they have been affected by another's drinking. I have heard the vaccination discussion is an outside issue. When Joanne finds out more, she will get back to the District Representatives.

## Forum Report – Emma Forum Coordinator (See Attachment – Forum Report)

• Send me an e-mail at <a href="mailto:forum@oregonal-anon.org">forum@oregonal-anon.org</a> if you would like me to do a Forum or Writing workshop at your group or district.

#### Public Outreach Report - Dawn B. Public

- Passion, Possibility and what is Possible
- Screen Shared PSA's from the WSO Website https://al-anon.org/media-kit/public-service-announcements/
  - You can get a link and e-mail them to anyone including schools, therapist, teaches, teenagers, or parents. You can send to therapist, and such just WSO request us not to send to TV and Radio.
  - Shared results of PSA's.
  - o Public Outreach Posters www.al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/public-outreach-posters/
  - Premiere Public outreach Magazine Help and Hope for families and friends of alcoholics is virtual (previously referred to as Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA)) <a href="www.al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/magazines/afa-magazine/">www.al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/literature/magazines/afa-magazine/</a>
- Offer time to any district to share what they are doing for public outreach
  - Stephen DR D10: Our District has a public Outreach committee. They have developed a survey to hone
    into how members found Al-Anon. This will help them hone into how they can best use their resources
    for public outreach. In June it was shared with the District Representatives and discussed to use the
    survey statewide if the Districts and Public Information coordinator choose to do so.
  - Rita DR D17 Our District completed a mailing to 218 people 100 went to counselors in our district, to 10 or 11 shelters and churches and some police stations. Also explored the possibility of putting up a Billboard but because of the expense of it chose to do other things.

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- Phyllis GR 06 District 6 hung a banner over one of the main streets in Springfield. It was up for three
  weeks and now we have it and we could pay to hang it again. There is also a local magazine we are
  looking into a small PSA into it.
- Lydia DR D11 Our District did mailings to Professionals in which each group chose 10 mental health professionals to send them too. Talking about what to do with AFA's and sticking them in the little free libraries. We have 3 groups meeting in churches and so they can take AFA's to them.
- Khris GR D1 Turnaround Our Public Outreach Coordinator organized a big mailout in 2019 and 2020 but has not done one yet in 2021. We have had virtual meetings going and they have been well attended with plenty of outsiders.
- o Meredith DR D5 We get to advertise for free in a little local publication.

## Town Hall meeting to ask questions - Dawn K. Chair

- At AWSC there was talk about holding like a virtual town hall in where we could get as many of our members together that are interested in Area Service. This would be less formal and would be a question and answer for the members who might be interested in a position to ask members currently holding the AWSC position. We would really need people to attend to make it a success. There is not a length of time decided but would not expect more than two hours. Is this something that you would like to see?
- Our new processes and procedures say that 6 weeks before the election (November) you need to submit your Service Resume to the DR's so that they can distribute, so that means that this town hall would need to be in August or September. Members have two months to think about what positions they want to stand for.
- Poll: Do you want to have a Town Hall meeting to learn more about AWSC positions that will be voted on in November? (Group Conscience All AWSC & All GR's vote)
  - o 26 yes, 18 no
  - Dawn K. will work with the leadership committee to put this together probably Saturday afternoon in August or September.

#### Mock election for "Grand Poohbah" - Dawn K Chair

- Held a Mock election skit starring: Dawn K, Kathy K, Khris, Stephen, and Caralynn
- Idea was to show how the new election procedures are in action and to see what it would be like to have the
  elections virtual.
- Questions/Requests
  - During the actual votes (for an officer) if it goes into more than one vote that there is a pause and we allow the spiritual integrity of the meeting to take place, giving members a moment to consider their vote, prior to the next vote.
  - o If a vote goes into more than one vote for the same candidates there will not be a comment session between votes.
  - If after three votes that have not reached substantial unanimity (2/3's of voting GR's) a coin will be tossed.
  - A candidate may withdraw their application at any time during the process. If after the second vote if there are more than two candidates and If the majority is with a few the minorities may be asked to withdraw their application to speed up the process.

## Area procedure for publishing meetings update – Deanna/Meredith

- In February 2021 the AWSC passed a motion for the Oregon Area Website Listing Policy. The Policy was approved by Oregon Area and the plan was to use as is and to submit the policy to WSO to see if we could have their acceptance.
- We have received an e-mail from The Executive Director Vali F. in response to the document with a few changes. She reminds us that the development and approval of the Oregon Meeting List Publishing Policy is a matter of Area autonomy. The WSC would only require the changes identified in the response to be implemented should

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- the Area wish the WSO support in removing the meetings from publication in the WSO meeting lists. Their feedback is otherwise offered only for perspective.
- Our Taskforce was Meredith, Mary Lynn, and me. Meredith and I have reviewed the notes and believe that most
  is minor and we will continue to work with WSO to revise the document until it receives acceptance from WSO,
  then we would bring that document back in October to the AWSC for an updated vote. Until then and/or if the
  October vote is denied, the Website Listing Policy would stay in effect as written approved in February.

## November 2021 Assembly Bid - Group of several AWSC members will be assembling the Assembly.

- We voted previously that we wanted to have the November 2021 assembly in person we just didn't have a District to host or location to meet yet. The meeting will be the third weekend in November Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Dawn asked if there were any Districts willing to host. Cost for district would only be snacks because the Area covers the cost of the Assembly. A place is not an assembly we need a district to host it.
- Discussion:
  - Deanna M. Secretary I have not been in contact with the DR's yet because I wanted to have some location bids first. I have several applications out throughout the Portland Metro Area and planned to talk to the DR's once there was a location to discuss to see if they were willing. I just received one proposal back for the Red Lion on the River (Same location that PRAASA will be held) for about \$1700. This amount is above the budgeted amount, but I personally really want to see an in-person event.
  - o Paula GR D1 It seems very expensive to have an in-person event when this type is working just fine.
  - Judy J. PD P41 Our Service Manual should have at least one assembly a year. That is because of the voting.
  - O Sue B. Alt. Delegate We have the budget to discuss in November as well.
  - Annie GR D4 This meeting would potentially be a two-day meeting to cover Voting and Budget.
  - o Emma Forum That assembly is where I would be passing off the totes of literature to someone as well as others would pass off their position content. There is a lot of giving and taking of components.
  - o Joanne C. Group Records This is our biggest assembly and it needs to be in person even if it cost extra.
  - Carlos GR D10 This is turning out to be a bit more of a challenge than expected. We already have this virtual meeting. I have talked to some people that just don't plan to go to in person meetings anymore.
  - O Diane O. GR D5 would like to ask that if a committee puts this together, they consider those that are not ready to go back to an in-person meeting and consider a Hybrid style meeting.
  - Stephen Y. DR D10 Was prepared to host the 2020 assembly at a Masonic Lodge for \$1000. He is willing to contact them and see if that would be a possibility.
    - Location is TBD. It will be held the third weekend in November Saturday and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
    - What if the AWSC puts together to be on a small committee to put on the event instead of a district?
      - Stephen Y. DR D10 will be on the committee, Trish DR D7 will co-host, Brenda G. GR D17, Sue B. Alt Delegate will create a committee to host an assembly in November at some location. Sounds like it will be in the Portlandish area.

#### March 2022 Assembly bid - No One Stood

- Khris GR D1 asked if it was okay to host it on weekends other than spring break week. If so, she would take it back to her district where they would discuss in March.
  - O Dawn K. Chair said it was the Districts decision on which weekend it was held. It is suggested to be the third weekend in March.

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#### The Inside Scoop on Area Positions –

- Each Coordinator/Officer gave a report about their service positions. This is all the Inside Scoop on what it is really like to be an Oregon Area Coordinator or Area Officer or any of the positions we will have elections for in November. (See Attachments for The Inside Scoop on Area Positions Reports)
  - Alateen Mary W.
  - o Group Records Joanne C. Need Report
  - Public Information Dawn B.
  - o Audit/Budget Sue B. Need Report
  - o Forum/Literature Emma H.
  - Technology Coordinator Trish B.
  - o AAPP Kathy K.
  - o Treasurer Barb B.
  - Secretary Deanna M.
  - Chair Dawn K.
  - o Alternate Delegate Sue B. Need Report
  - Delegate Katie

#### **Coordinator Reports**

- Alateen Mary W. (See Attachments Coordinator Reports Alateen)
- CPC Not present but submitted a report (See Attachments Coordinator Reports CPC)
- Forum/Literature Mixed with previous reports
- Group Records Joanne C. (See Attachments Coordinator Reports Group Records)
- Public Information Dawn B. (See Attachments Coordinator Reports Public Information)

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Oregon Alateen Conference August 6-8 at the Molalla Retreat Center
- October AWSC Rita DR D17 Live and in Person October 9<sup>th</sup> (Second Saturday in October)
- November Assembly 11/20/21 to 11/21/21 In Person Location to be Decided.

## Open Discussion/GR Sharing what you plan to take back from the Assembly:

- What will you take back to your groups?
  - Phyllis GR D4 Tuesday Noon Serenity I am going to take back that if someone doesn't step up to be the GR we will lose our connection. I will volunteer to accompany anyone that is willing to step up at GR to the assemblies. I took 4 pages of notes. I will share and then let them know this is what we are going to lose.
  - Eloise GR D12 One Step at a Time I enjoyed the pep-talk on service and rotation of service I have heard I would do this, but I am worried about the dominance issue. The concept of rotation will be good for me to communicate to my group to have more people volunteer for service positions.
  - Tuane GR D17 Set Free Thanked Katie for the presentation really appreciated the clarifying thoughts and the Myth Busting about dominance and rotation leadership, as well as the diversity part. Thank you, Mary for the Alateen Coordinator description it was very emotional, and inspirational. Thank you, Joanne and Stephen, for the information on the current WSO stand on groups asking about vaccinations or requiring members to wear masks to attend in-person meetings. These have both been conversations at my meeting.
  - Morgan GR D16 My biggest takeaway that I am going to bring back is that Hybrid Meetings are
    officially a possibility I have a feedback/request that the GR sharing has been at the end, can there be
    more opportunities to share and or share earlier in the assembly.
  - Leila P. GR D9 I have listened to speakers talk about what happens in service in the past and heard them talk about how the Traditions and Concepts are put to use in service meetings. I felt tremendous examples of that today, which was wonderful. Thanks to Dawn for being such a great chair with such a

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- tight agenda and so much information to cover. Thank you to all those who gave presentations, they were all wonderful.
- O Annie GR D4 I have been to a lot of assemblies and this has been the one I have the most notes. I learned a lot and I appreciated all the presentations. I learned a lot about Group Records, and I have a lot I can take back to my district and my group. As for the November assembly the committee will host an in-person event. I don't know how my groups funding has been so I just wanted to know so I could discuss this expense with my group.
- o Rosemary GR D4 Primarily Parents. The Presentation by Joanne really helped me to figure out what a hybrid meeting was all about. I like the idea of moving up presentations by GR's instead of all at the end.
- o Khris GR D1 I have 9 pages of notes and I have learned so much today. My district is going to love me when I put together my report. I feel like we are in-person, this meeting hit me where I need to be hit to get excited about getting back together. I am so energized by all the presentations and all that you clarified for me. I am hoping District 1 will be able to host the March Assembly in 2022.
- Trish GR D10 I appreciate hearing from Katie our Delegate, how she comes back from the WSC and the way she gives her presentation.
- O Judy J. PD P41 I want to share on Al-Anon's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They started out with a parade of flags. When you go to an international you see all the countries and all the state parade around. Speakers: Clair R worked for WSO for about 30 years, the longest employee at WSO; always be on time to meetings, God is never late, he is always on time. Joan was the other speaker that said Take the cotton out of your ears and stick in your mouth so you can listen. You get to the meeting; we will get you home. There was a tour of all of WSO that went into each room. There is a glass bookshelf when you walk in that has all the literature as well as from other countries. The Courage to Change was printed in 8 different languages.

Anyone that wants to stand for a position at the Area level in November must be present in November. If there are Hybrid capabilities, the candidate must be online but otherwise they need to be present.

#### **Closed with Al-Anon Declaration**

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna M. Panel 59 Oregon Area Secretary

**REPORTS:** (See Attachment – July2021*MinuteAttachments*)

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## Thought Force:

- Electronic AFG's and Oregon Area Service Structure (Continuation from June AWSC)
  - O Charge: To research and guide the process of allowing a Permanently Electronic Meeting into our service structure or not. Where does Oregon wants to go with this information?
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