

Oregon Area AFG Assembly Host - Virtual

March 19, 2022 from 8:30 am – 5:00 PM

Dawn started the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer and welcoming 69 members who had logged on. She read the microphone and Voting statement. Linda B., GR from District 4 read The Twelve Traditions. She also reviewed the Virtual Meeting Participation Guidelines.

Bunny the interim secretary went through the AWSC roster completing Roll Call. Participants on the screen started at 70. Throughout the day the numbers fluctuated ending with 57 members at end of day.

Officers:

Delegate: Joanne,
Alt. Delegate: Stephen
Chairperson: Dawn B.
Secretary: Bunny G. Interim
Treasurer: Barb B. Interim
AAPP: OPEN

District Representatives:

District 1: OPEN
District 2: Nancy N Alt
District 3: OPEN
District 4: Dawn K.
District 5: OPEN
District 6: Ree Mc
District 7: Joan F.
District 8: Open

District 9: OPEN
District 10: Gayle S.
District 11: Patrice M.
District 12: OPEN
District 13: Bonnie Alt DR
District 14: OPEN
District 15: OPEN
District 16: OPEN
District 17: OPEN

Audit Budget:

Audit Budget 1, Linda S.
Audit Budget 2, Bonnie W.
Audit Budget 3, Sue B.

AI S Liaisons:

AI S Portland, Barb B

Coordinators:

Alateen: OPEN
Archives: OPEN
CPC: Maureen C.
Communicator: Nancy N.
Forum: Caralynn W.
Group Records: Meredith D.
Literature: OPEN
Public Information: OPEN
Website: OPEN
Technology: Trish B.

Past Delegates:

Bunny, Panel 38
Judy, Panel 41
Katie, Panel 59

Bunny asked for corrections of the November 2021 Assembly Minutes that was emailed to all AWSC. One correction was in regard to the ongoing motion that brought stopped the use of Action Committees at Assemblies. It was so moved to accept the November 2021 minutes as corrected. Joan DR. D7 Medford made the motions; it was seconded by Andrea GR, D12. This is Motion #1 (a one-time motion). Results: Yes-34, No-0 and Abstain-3. The Motion Passed.

Chairperson, Dawn asked for any quick **announcements** –

Native American AI-Anon April 29-May 1 Portland. Flyer on the Oregon Area Website. Help needed for Decorations, Elder Help, to put together four speaker baskets, literature table, hospitality room and someone to print some signs. Talk to Katie or Caralynn. Katie would like to ask the area today for the use of the Oregon Area Technology sound equipment. Trish the Tech coordinator said she would be willing to help with that. This will be put on the agenda later in afternoon. Veronica invited the committee of this event to come and make an announcement regarding volunteers at the Thursday night Young People meeting April 28th.

Breakouts:

1. **District Representative** breakout started with Kathy K., going over the documents for Oregon Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements, Oregon Area AMIAS Recertification Application, and How to Recertify AMIAS (AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service) District Representative's Procedure papers by Kathy, our former Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP). These were sent to all DRs prior to assembly. A question about having electronic signature for the AMIAS was explained by Dawn K. One of the suggestions for DR is to gather all their AMIAS together and make sure they sign all the boxes. Bunny then showed the two WSO guidelines [that were also sent to the DRs]: (1) District Meeting, G15 and (2) District Representative, G37. The discussions centered around district challenges, district meetings on zoom, goals, hosting an area event, and reminder about getting their members to sign up for In the Loop newsletter from WSO. The CMA for each group who provided an email is automatically signed up. Patrice, DR/D11 will chair the next DR breakout.

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- 2. GR breakout** – Stephen We started with a GR sharing experience, strength and hope. We covered the following in the PowerPoint: 1. GR Position Description; 2. Duties; 3. What are the Links of Service? 4. What are Service Arms? 5. We went on the Oregon Area Website and looked at the OAH.; 6. How the GR keeps the Group Records up-to-date. 7. Assembly Procedures: Agenda, Tips/Hints, Asking for Consensus, Substantial Unanimity, Etiquette, Assembly Motions, postponing discussions, tabling a Motion, Calling the Question and Reconsideration. 9. GR Survival Tips; and ended with questions and answers. Stephen will try to get the PowerPoint on the Oregon Website.
- 3. Coordinator breakout** - Coordinators – Katie, Past Delegate chaired this breakout. Coordinators were asked to please gather and review your position descriptions in the OR Area Handbook, Service Manual, and Guidelines on Al-Anon.org (if applicable) prior to Assembly. Started with Introductions and then reviewed the documents they gathered. Had a time of questions and concern regarding the positions. Suggested a service sponsor and their goals for this panel. Discussion about if their position is one that could be combined and suggestion on forming a committee to help with the work.

REPORTS:

Treasurer – Barb B., Group donations are up as of March 8th. Total donations are \$5634.10. Expenses are \$3848.00. The available cash is \$24,317.91. A full report is attached. Motion #2 (One Time) was introduced to amend the budgeted amount under Delegate expenses for WSC Equal Travel Fund from \$2382 to \$3053.12. Annie so moved with Rita seconding. Motion passed with 41 yes, 1 no 3 abstain.

Audit Budget – Sue B., The 3-member committee has not met yet. Emails have been sent out to find a date to discuss a plan to get together. She gave a brief description of what the Audit budget committee does for Oregon Area.

AWSC Chairperson report: Dawn B., recapped the February AWSC meeting. She explained what we do, who is there and when we do it. One of the items we discussed was the Alateen financial audit. The Alateen members are coming today at 11 to tell us what they are doing with the excess funds. Also spent time on the open positions for the Area, a presentation about how in-person vs virtual attendance went down 32%. This will be on the website when we get a coordinator. Discussion about having more communication with GRs which Stephen, Alt. Delegate, is working on. Hopefully to have the February AWSC minutes on the website soon.

District Representative (DR) 5-minute reports: District 2 no report, District 4 by Dawn K.; District 5 by Meredith outgoing DR; District 6 by Ree McS; District 7 by Joan F.; District 10 by Gayle S.; District 11 by Patrice M.; and Cindy G., District 13's report was read by Bunny. All reports are attached.

OAC Report: Oregon Alateen's came to share with us what they are doing with the excess funds from their event Oregon Alateen Conference (OAC) plus put in a plea for the need for Al-Anon members to do service for the Alateen Program, (AAPP & Alateen Coordinator) and how important it is. Mary, Panel 59's Alateen Coordinator introduced the following teens: Kimmy, current OAC Chair thanking everyone for all the support over the last few years. She announced that they are having an Alateen Round-Up in June and a Fund-Loser on May 21st, a free potato bar, to show our appreciation for the many OAC donations. Flyers are on the Oregon Website. Ashlyn, OAC Co-Chair, DJ, 2019 OAC chair and Cyril, a committee member, spoke about the gratitude for all the support and again invited everyone to the Fund-Loser Potato Bar. OAC Is Happening in 2022, the 1st Weekend of August (8/5/22-8/7/22). Mike C., the OAC sponsor this year, said how he is grateful that our Delegate, Joanne, stepped up and said she

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would make sure the recertifications get done. She delegated this to Stephen, Alt. Delegate, who has already started sending out the notifications.

Delegate's Report – Joanne C., Presented a PowerPoint with the following subjects: 2021 Membership Survey found at al-anon.org/survey results; AFG mobile app – download on the app store for Apple or Google Play for Android; Al-Anon International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 29th-July 2nd, 2023; Service sponsorship- see P-88 Pamphlet “Service Sponsorship Working Smarter, Not Harder”; News on permanent electronic meetings; Financial statement from WSO, unaudited, ending 12/31/2021 showing income and expenses; and attending the NW Regional Delegates Meeting in Casper, Wyoming. Joanne talked about the World Service Conference (WSC) being held in Tarrytown, New York on April 26th-30th being held in person after 2 years of being virtual. She will also have an opportunity to visit the home of our Co-Founder Lois W. No love gifts or cards will be accepted; so it was suggested mailing, emailing or texting her. You can get her address by calling or texting her phone number 503-544-7354 or ask your DR. She talked about her hopes, dreams and vision for Oregon Area. The full report will be attached along with the PowerPoint presentation. After Lunch, Delegate Joanne asked for questions about her Delegate Report. One question: do we know what the Conference Agenda Items for the conference are – the answer is unknown until the Conference. Full report is attached to these minutes.

Elections Introduction – Open officer positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Alateen Process Person. Open Coordinator positions: Archives, Alateen, Literature, Public Outreach, Website. To stand for an officer position, you must have served as a DR & served, in any capacity, at Oregon Area level in the last 6 years. Must be willing to attend three 1-day meetings and three 1.5-day meetings/year. Submit Service Resume which you find on the Oregon Area Website. <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/oregon-area-handbook>. Section 2 of the OA Handbook has a list of all job descriptions. Service sponsors are available.

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch Break (breakout rooms available for GRs to caucus and elect DR) Dawn B., chair, started with the Serenity Prayer asking Bunny PD P38 read the Concepts and Warranties.

Elections of Officer and Coordinator Positions: Dawn B. interviewed Annie verbally to help her with the resume. After that a vote was taken. Annie M. stood for Literature Coordinator and was voted in. Lots of discussion as to why members are not standing and how we can attract new members to stand and to serve. You can find the open positions on the Oregon Area Website <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/open-service-positions>

Task/Thought Forces: Assigned Committees– Dawn B.

- **Flyer Committee:** Meredith D., Chair, Barb B., and Cindy G.
- **Website Committee:** Deanna, Sue B., Bunny and Stephen.
- **Handbook Committee:** Stephan Chair, Judy J. (need 2 GR & 1 DR)
- **Hybrid/Thought Force:** Trish B., chair, Bunny, Pat G., (need two more members)
- **Task Force Communicator** Nancy N., Chair, Caralynn W. and Cindy G.,
- **Thought Force for Looking at Election clarifying questions for candidates** -Dawn B., Stephen Y., Katie W., and Joan F.

PRAASA: What we learned from the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly: **Judy**, the committee Chair, shared that there were 8 states involved. Not all areas participate because they do their own service seminar event. Oregon only gets to host this event approximately every 13 years. She asked some of the committee members to share. **Barb** was impressed with the diversity of the panels. Deanna, program chair, was able to get panel members from all over the United States plus 3 members, active and retired, WSO members.

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Heard that being part of service I am part of something bigger than myself. Win with the stickers quote, how other areas do their assemblies since I am a meeting nerd. **Trish** learned so much about zoom and working with the Tech 12 team. Like hearing all the different perspectives on a variety of topics. Glad we were grateful that AA agreed to pay for the provide Spanish translation. Hope we can have this at our Area Assembly someday. So grateful I said yes even though I had a lot of fears. **Bunny** was inspired by the AI-Anon Luncheon speaker Bud, wanting to go to the Native American AI-Anon Conference even more. He shared with us his list which she shared with this group. **Maria Christina** shared that the Spanish Translation was great for the 4-6 members who were there. The members were very inspired. **Veronica** appreciated the presentation about members of color and would like to see an AI-Anon's young person panel if we ever do this again. **Jill M.** heard two opinions she liked: rather than use the word qualifier we call them our love ones – use loving interchange rather than crosstalk. **Gayle S.**, said being so new at this position as DR heard so many helpful topics and suggestions. Also like the presentation about members of color and is willing to come to our assembly and share it. She heard we had over 100 AI-Anon registered and almost 1800 AA. They came from over 34 states and many countries because it was done virtually.

The Communicator survey results – Nancy N., Read the report (see attached) What is the best way to publish this newsletter. Traditionally been a large newsletter printed and distributed to members at AWSC and uploaded to the Area Website. **a correction.** Should say: A pole was launch to get a group conscience on how this body of members would prefer to receive the newsletter. ~~A poll was launch to get a conscience of how this body of members.~~ Hard copy (6) Virtual Copy emailed (35) Posted on Web Site (15) no preference (4). Would like to invite anyone to join the Communicator Task Force committee please let Nancy know. Contact her through the web site. Will have more information at the next AWSC.

Forum Sharing: Caralynn W., I am the new Forum Coordinator. This will be fun for me especially since I have never held a Coordinator position before. I have two things to share with you. First, I will read an article from the October 2021 issue of The Forum pages 16 and 17. This article is who I was 15 years ago when I came - finally - to AI-Anon - and stayed. I hope any of you who don't subscribe to The Forum, will. You can receive it in the mail, or on line. I have two subscriptions! I give one copy to my sponsor, who does not subscribe and one, after I read it, goes to another place - sometimes a person – sometimes a place.

Discussion: What district/s will host the **July 2022** in-person **assembly**. This topic was brought up in the DR breakout but had no discussion. Asked for comments from the DRs at this time: Too new in the position, already hosting AWSC, had a great discussion in district meeting and GRs didn't feel comfortable at this time, unsure of finding space in the short time, unsure of what is going to happen with pandemic. A poll was launched asking everyone to vote: In Person (7) Virtual (19) Hybrid, if possible (27), no preference (6). Hybrid is not an option at this time as the Thought Force hasn't even met yet. IDEAS: Cancel July assembly, have a picnic outdoor, have assembly focus on service, Shorten the day/half day, lots more comments and brainstorming with some good ideas. Dawn B., will call a leadership meeting to discuss and we will let you guys know what will happen.

Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) Presentation, Cheri F., Guest: All documents are attached. They include a PowerPoint, PDF of PowerPoint, How to Frame the Topic, and the KBDM Background rational. The history can be found in the WSC Summary 2006 and the Summary Archives by topic.

Tour of Oregon Area Website – Trish Tech Coordinator Dawn B. said some of this was shared with the GRs this morning but our leadership in Oregon wants to make sure you know how to find helpful items on the Oregon website so you can be familiar with how to help others in your

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group. <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/> How to find the drop-down menu, how to find events, and meeting. One of drop-down section is an area for service with a list of District meetings, area handbook (job descriptions), quick reference guide, anything to do with assemblies and AWSC meetings. Plus, a wealth of documents for you to explore.

Highlights of Oregon **Area Handbook** Steven Y., Alt. Delegate During the last panel the committee worked on updating several sections of the handbook. Sections 6 is just one that needs to be looked at and worked on. The committee will be reviewing them once a month, on zoom. The Area Handbook Preface shows all the updates done to each section and the date it was done. This section also has the change procedures and the forms used to request changes. Also went to the Ongoing Motions. Also showed the WSO web site and mentioned how to add your GR name. Stephan said he sees his job as a reference person to GRs. He is available 7 days a week.

GR Sharing (Assembly highlights: What will you share with your group?) Last 25 minutes
5:00pm Close with AI-Anon Declaration,

2022 Events

- April 8-10: NW Regional Delegates Meeting. Casper, WY
- April 26-30: World Service Conference, Virginia Beach, VA
- April 29-May 1: Native American AI-Anon Conference, Portland, OR
- June 18: AWSC, Location District 4 Salem
- July 16 & 17: Oregon Area Assembly. Location? TBA
- Aug 5-7: Oregon Alateen Conference
- Oct. 8: AWSC-District 2 (Lincoln County, Oregon coast)
- Nov. 19 & 20: Oregon Area Assembly, District 17 (Portland)