

## Oregon Area World Service Committee Meeting

Host: Virtual  
October 9, 2021

Start: 8:30 am

**Welcome; Serenity Prayer & Microphone & Voting Statement w/ changes for the Virtual Platform:** Dawn K., Chair

- Welcome to the last AWSC of this panel.
- Silence cell phones and other electronic devices around you for the duration of the meeting
- To facilitate effective use of our time together – use the chat feature when you need to address the group
- Listen respectfully please listen respectfully to the discussion before the group
- Trips to the microphone are to be one time per discussion and no more than two minutes
- If your View has been previously stated, please do not repeat it
- District Representatives introduce any visitors, reminder any visitors have no voice or vote at today's meeting.
- No Photographs

**12 Traditions:** Kathy K AAPP; **12 Concepts & Warranties:** Not Read**Virtual Meeting Participation Guidelines:** Dawn K., Chair

- Reviewed the 3/16/2021 Draft; Virtual Meeting Participation Guidelines have not changed
  - We will be voting on the budget today so we will need everyone here.
- Poll – Do you accept the Virtual Meeting Participation Guidelines as presented? Everyone Votes
  - 100% acceptance

**Roll Call:** Deanna M. Secretary

- Excused: Wendy W. DR D2 (Nancy N. Alt DR D2 Represented)
- Unexcused: Julie S. DR D1, Helen L. DR D9, Nancy DR D14
- Vacant Positions: District Representatives: 3, 8, 12, 15; Communicator
- Visitor: Tuane D17; Gayle S D10; Bonnie D10; MaryLynn J Louisiana
- 23 Voting AWSC Members

**Approval of Minutes:** June 2021 AWSC Minutes

- Changes: No Changes requested
- Poll: Do you accept the Final Draft Minutes for the June 2021 AWSC as presented?
  - Motion by: Deanna M. Secretary; Seconded by: Meredith D. DR D5
  - 23 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain,
  - June 2021 AWSC Minutes were approved as presented.

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

- Questions/Comments:
- Reported:
  - Group Donations to the Area are down from last year.
  - Officers and Coordinators if you have expenses please send them in to the treasurer promptly. Please send prior the end of December to allow time for reimbursement in 2021. Expenses run from January to December.
  - All information that the groups need is at the bottom of the treasurers' report.
  - Remember to put following on any donations. District Number, WSO Group Number and Group Name.
    - All donations should be mailed to Barb B.
      - E-mail Barb for the mailing address: [treasurer@oregonal-anon.org](mailto:treasurer@oregonal-anon.org)
      - You can also send an e-mail to the treasurer via the website under frequently asked questions. (FAQ)

- Questions:
  - Judy J. PD P38 – As Treasurer of one of my groups we have been able to send in donations quarterly from members mailing their donation to my home. At the beginning of the Covid thing we suggested member using a jar to place personal 7<sup>th</sup> tradition in and then when we get back together than we can bring it together but that isn't happening. I realize that people haven't been making their donations or not thinking about it. I think we need a reminder that we have these service arms that are doing service on our behalf whether we are meeting in person or not.
    - Barb B. Treasurer – I can remind the DR's to talk to their GR's and then it will be the GR's responsibility to take it to their members. You can send money to the Group Treasurer who will distribute funds based on the Groups Conscience. If a member wants to make an electronic donation to WSO there is that option. They can send the Area treasurer checks in the mail or in some cases they send cash.
  - Meredith DR D5 – District 5 has not had a lot of expenses this year and so in December when our district has their Budget Meeting, they will plan to send a nice donation to Oregon Area.
  - Kory District 16 – I see that the budget was \$15,000 and that to up to October there is \$9,598.81 in donations. Do you have the figures from last year at this time?
    - Barb B. Treasurer – At this time in 2020 the Area had received \$12,600 in donations.
  - Bunny - The groups that I go, because our expenses at the Area and District level are not using the money, we have been encouraging our groups to send the money onto WSO who has put out a memo that they are still in need of funds.
  - Sue B. Audit Budget – Is this report through September 30<sup>th</sup> or through October 2.
    - Barb B. It is through September 30<sup>th</sup>, nothing changed between the 30<sup>th</sup> and the second, that is just when the report was created.

#### Delegates Report – Katie W. Delegate

- For Questions or for more information contact Katie at [oregon-delegate@oregonal-anon.org](mailto:oregon-delegate@oregonal-anon.org)

### Announcements

This is our final AWSC for Panel 59. That is the most pertinent announcement I have today. ☺

### Happenings:

With my time on the agenda today I want to accomplish two things:

- 1) I want to invite anyone who wishes to share to two of my minutes at the mic. I'd love for all of us to hear each other's thoughts and experiences from this wild three year ride we've been on. I will ask that these sharing's not be included in the minutes – they're just for this moment.
- 2) When the sharing is finished, I will offer some final words...

#### Thoughtforce/Taskforce updates

- **Oregon Area Handbook (OAH) Committee – Sue B Alternate Delegate**
  - With the February 2021 AWSC Approval of the Change Procedure for the OAH a standing committee (Similar to the flyer committee) was created having the Alternate Delegate head the committee by default; Additional members of the committee are Lydia S. DR D11, Barb B. Treasurer, Meredith D. DR D5, Bunny G. PD38
  - The virtual Handbook Committee has met every Tuesday until the month of September. We will continue working on it again next week. We have accomplished a lot. The sections have been sent out

via e-mail to AWSC members, so we hope you have had a chance to review it. Most of it that we have revised is on the website.

- The Handbook is a work in progress because it is a living document, but we have some sections we are specifically updating at this time. One area is the position descriptions. The motions have been updated, Section 5 District information sort of has had an update. We are actively looking at Section 4 and 6. Seven and Alateen has been completed. We have changed a few things. Section 7 is now Oregon Area Procedures and some of the new things (election procedures) are in that section. Section 9 will be allocated to documents. We have not finished that section yet. We plan to continue working on the Handbook to the end of the year and then passing it onto the next panel.
- Having a committee to work on the handbook has been tremendous. We have come up with some really good ideas and thoughts and been able to springboard them off one another.
- <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/oregon-area-handbook>
- GR Reference guide
  - I was tasked with updating the GR Reference Guide Flip Book for the next panel as part of the Alternate Delegates responsibilities. I asked the Handbook committee if they would assist. We are all extremely proud of this document. Now that it is formatted it can be updated easily. No longer requiring it to go to a printing company to print. We can make adjustments every panel as needed. The information is helpful to a GR.
  - The new booklet has been e-mailed out to all AWSC members as well as posted on the Area website. I hope you all have had a chance to review it.
  - This is located in two locations on the website:
    - Under Service, Oregon Area Handbook & Service Manual (Black box that will take you to the Oregon Area Quick Reference Guide for Group Representatives)
    - <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/oregon-area-handbook>
    - <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c97f1ea01232c3bf70420f8/t/611db92f343340656965334b/1629337904338/2021-August+GR+Quick+Reference+Guide-Final.pdf>
    - Under Service, FAQ & Documents; Question I am a new Group Representative, what information might be helpful before Assembly?
- Questions/Comments
  - Judy J. PD41 – I have a bunch of the quick reference guides from the last printing that MaryLynn gave me when Bonnie took over. I let Bonnie know and I believe Sue that I have them. I didn't know they are being updated. Is this in the Handbook? Does the Area have to approve it? I have some questions. How do you add things to the handbook? Now there are some changes being made that I have questions about. Also, when a section for the handbook has been updated on the website has it already gone through the Handbook Committee. I just don't know what must be approved by the committee and what is approved by the AWSC.
    - No, the reference guide is not part of the handbook. Most of the information in the document has been taken from the handbook. The standing committee for the OAH updated the document as trusted servants, new information was not added just clarified, simplified, or not repeated. All Handbook changes have been sent to All AWSC to ask for weigh in and we hope that you all are reading it and if you have questions then we will address them. The OAH is a living document and can be changed if needed. Policy meanings are not changing and only things voted at AWSC/Assembly can be added or changed when the meaning is changing. If a member has a change request, in the Preface of the OAH there is a form to fill out and instructions on how to do that. If you have specific questions please contact Sue, please place Handbook in the Subject line. Yes, if the OAH is updated on the website then it has already gone through the Handbook committee.
  - Kathy K. AAPP – My understanding is that this committee had the authority and the responsibility to make the changes.

- **Reaching out to Dark Districts – Joanne C. Group Records**

- Original Charge – Look over the 2020 WSC Survey document, personalize it, and develop a plan to implement getting the survey out to the Dark Districts. Members – Caralynn AIS Liaison, Kathy K AAPP, Judy J PD P41, Jenni H. DR D6, Cindy G DR D13, Joanne C. Group Records Coordinator (Chair)
- Our thought/task force started by first determining what districts did not have representation or communication with the Area. Those districts were 3, 12, 14, and 15. Dark districts sounded too “dark” to our group, so we called them “silent” districts.

We wanted a different type of interview process other than a survey. Our discussion led us to the decision that having a conversation rather than asking questions from a survey would be the best approach to take. We decided to make a list of questions to lead us in our conversations with the individual group members. There weren't many Group Representatives in these groups, so we called Contacts or CMAs, and even tried reaching some via the email address listed. Our focus was to find out if they were interested in Area information, interested in having a district meeting and a DR and what the Area could do for their group.

District 3 has only six groups. There were only two members interested in Area information, interested in having a district meeting and a DR and what the Area could do for their group. One member wanted to start communication between the district's groups. Information was sent and a follow-up call will be made.

District 12 is big with eighteen groups. Again, there were only a few members that were interested in Area information, interested in having a district meeting and a DR and what the Area could do for their group. One member had a suggestion that we attend Zoom meetings and invite them to the Assembly. (Great idea). District 11 has tried to include them in District 11 district meetings. Those called knew nothing about District 11's Zoom meetings. One long time member thinks she has two or three members who would attend Area and District Zoom meetings. Portland is too far for members in Hood River and the Dalles to attend district face-to-face meetings. They are interested in having AI-Anon members and service minded members attend their meetings, All interested members will receive information and a follow-up call. We asked a Spanish speaking member to contact two Spanish groups in District 12. The plan is for the member to help one of the Spanish members attend the November assembly by being on the phone with her and translating English to Spanish as things happen.

District 14 is small with six groups, all of them choosing face-to-face meetings. There is one hybrid meeting. Most groups average about six members. Groups seem to get all their information from a past DR in that district; therefore, they feel connected to the Area and are getting information regarding the Area. There are two GRs in the district and an Alternate DR. The Alternate DR doesn't believe the two GRs would attend an Assembly. Some groups would like to receive the minutes of Area meetings. The district is preparing the food for an AA breakfast in December.

District 15 has only 3 groups. Judy contacted a past Area Treasurer who lives in that district. This person doesn't know of anyone who would be GR or DR. This member's meeting has 6 to 7 regular attendees who are meeting hybrid. Those in the face-to-face meeting wear masks. Yes, the groups are aware of assemblies. They would be interested in a visit or visits from Area members. The question was asked by the member if it seems logical to have a district with only three groups. It was suggested District 15 might want to combine with District 2. The groups would like to be emailed Area minutes and flyers.

Our conclusion is we did not find much interest in the Area or district meetings in the groups we contacted. It is possible this is because of the distance between the groups' meetings and Area functions. The time and the amount of preparation it takes each member to travel to a regular assembly

or the technical problem of getting to a Zoom meeting. They do tend to have slow or non-existent internet. In these districts they attended small meetings because of the population. This seemed to be a standard thing so that means fewer people to do service. So many members said that they were tired of doing service and new people aren't stepping up. Perhaps we should all ask ourselves why others aren't taking over doing service.

We believe it would be a good idea to email information to these groups. This would encourage interest and show the members what they are missing by not attending Area business meetings. Emailed information may include Assembly agendas, Assembly minutes, Assembly presentations, a link to the Area website, flyers, and any other information of interest.

Our recommendations are:

- This task should be repeated in the future after the pandemic is over. Our timing was not ideal.
- A process needs to be created for following up with the members in these districts. We would suggest emailing minutes and flyers to all of these district's groups, hopefully we can get a member willing to receive information and take it to their group. Since all these groups and members are a part of Oregon Area AI-Anon maybe we can set up a procedure to keep in touch with them by attending their business meetings or sending Area members with recovery and information.
- We recommend this thought/task force be disbanded for now feel their task is complete.

The KBDM questions this committee answered can be provided upon request.

- **Meeting listing policy – Deanna**

- At the February AWSC we approved the Oregon Area Website Meeting Listing Publishing Policy. Oregon Area is autonomous in our decision of our area, but we did want WSO to approve them so that they too would not be giving newcomers meetings that are not currently being published on the Oregon Area Website. WSO responded with some change request for their acceptance. Meredith and I reviewed their request and made the changes. There was only one part we struggled with. We have resubmitted the changes to WSO a few weeks ago and have not heard back yet. When we hear back, we will report.
  - E-Mail to WSO: Thank you so much for your time and thorough review of the Oregon Area Website Meeting List Publishing Policy. We have reviewed the comments made and updated the document to encompass them. One part that we struggled with is that in Oregon Area the Group Records Coordinator is the tell all, be all for group meeting information. I believe we have found a way to meet the request by having the Delegate disperse the information and keep the Group Records as the director of the information, while avoiding double headed management.

With that being said, I have attached the document, in Word and .pdf for your review again. In the meantime, Oregon Area has approved the previous version of the document and is using it (This doesn't come up often or hasn't really). The decision was that the task force would adjust the document to include the comments made by WSO staff and then have it be reviewed by WSO for their approval of support. Once supported by WSO then the document will be reviewed by the Oregon Area AWSC for the revision to the existing document.

- Dawn requested a report back in November if one is available.

- **Translation equipment – Lydia S. DR D11**

- This taskforce has been disbanded. The final reports were given at the June AWSC & July Assembly of 2020. Believe that this taskforce had bad timing with the pandemic. I believe that if this taskforce is reestablished it will need one of our Spanish Speaking members to head the taskforce for it to be successful. Hopefully in the future we can encourage our Spanish Speaking groups to be more part of the districts and part of the area. There are misconceptions out there that need to be tackled, hearing

that the Spanish groups don't feel a part of. We looked through the different options at the time (2019 & 2020), there may be new options now which may make it less expensive and easier to do. I do hope that someone takes this up in the future.

- Dawn K. Chair will mark it as something for the next panel to look at.

- **Website/Communication – Nancy N. Alt DR. D2, Stephen Y. DR D10, Cindy G. DR D13**

- Original Charge - Come up with recommendations of how we can distribute information throughout the Service Structure. How can the Area better share information through our Service Structure? The Website Communication thought force will look at options for distributing information within the Links of Service (Area, District & GR's). Sometimes we need to skip links of service because there is a break in the link. Nancy N. Alt DR D2; Stephen Y DR D10, Cindy DR D13; No Chairperson Appointed
- This taskforce never got off the ground.
- Dawn will send an e-mail to officially get that task force started. If a chair is chosen, Nancy, Cindy and Stephen were all still willing to be a part of.

- **Electronic meetings in our service structure – Rita S. DR D17**

- Original 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 (Chair), Kory S-R. DR 16, Bonnie W. GR D10, Leila P. GR D910, and Linda R. GR D4; Joanne C Group Records & Katie Auxiliary Members.
- Report from Power point. (May be viewed temporarily at: <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/assembly-corner/october-awsc-extras> )
- Many questions were raised during the thought force's initial conversations
  - How would it change our Oregon Area service structure to have permanent electronic meetings in our Area?
  - How many meetings in Oregon are contemplating being virtual only?
  - Would a permanent electronic meeting in the Oregon Area have equity in representation?
  - Would Districts and Oregon Area meetings have to be hybrid?
  - What would be the parameters for a permanent electronic meeting to be included in the Oregon Area?
- We decided to survey AFGs in Oregon to get a better idea of how members are experiencing and thinking about electronic meetings. We received 71 responses to the survey, out of 227 total AFGs in the Oregon Area. We also had the survey translated into Spanish but received no responses from the Spanish Speaking Meetings. Graphed by District from those that responded.
- See the above powerpoint for the actual information. There are a lot of inconsistencies throughout the survey, but it did give us a general idea of what members are experiencing and what they are thinking.
  - What position do you hold? (40 of the 71 were GR's)
  - Do you like electronic meetings? (Yes 53 out of 71)
  - Rate your experience with electronic meetings. 10 being very positive, 1 being better than nothing. (21 out of 71 gave it a 10)
  - Why do you like electronic meetings?
    - 59 – Can easily access
    - 53 - No travel time
    - 40 – Variety of times/topics
    - 40 – Diversity of members bringing fresh insights
    - 26 – No need for childcare
    - 10 Members joining from remote locations
    - 8 Avoiding Covid exposure
    - 2 – No dress code
    - 1 – can listen from my car

- Why do you dislike electronic meetings?
  - 1 - Hybrid
  - 10 - Tech Troubles
  - 19 – Prefers face to face
  - 5 – Anonymity
  - 1 – Can’t see everyone
  - 1 – Never been to electronic meetings
  - 1 – Loss of topic focus
  - 2 – Concern for newcomers
  - 1 – Encourages Isolation
- Please explain why you would be interested in having a district specifically for electronic meeting in Oregon.
  - 19 – Representation
  - 5 – Option for specific district
  - 1 – Better information
  - 7 – Focus issues
  - 4 – Undecided
  - 2 – Oregon focused representation
- Please explain why you wouldn’t be interested in having a district specifically for electronic meetings in Oregon.
  - 2 – Not Necessary
  - 1 – Electronic is distracting
  - 1 – To be on Oregon meeting lists
  - 1 – Would be divisive
  - 2 – Want digital district within current district
  - 2 – Prefer current structure is hybrid
  - 2 – NA?
- Does your group know what format it wishes to have post pandemic? (36 out of 54 said Yes)
  - If you answered “Yes” above what format does your group want to have post pandemic?
    - 21- In person
    - 17- Hybrid
    - 5 unsure
    - 1-Electronic
  - If you answered “No” or “Unsure” above what would help your group decide?
    - 5 – Tech Training
    - 2 – Waiting on Area Decision on Representation
    - 6 - Group Conscience Pending
    - 5 – Pandemic Safety
- If your group is considering remaining electronic or going hybrid, are there any areas listed below that your group would need support within order to be successful?
  - 22 – Electronic Literature
  - 15 – Assuring anonymity
  - 13 – Member Support
  - 19 – Technology
  - 2 – Unsure
- Please explain why you:
  - Would be interested in a District specifically for electronic meetings in Oregon.
    - 19 – Representation
    - 9 - Focus issues

- 1 – To be on Oregon meeting List
- 1 – Better information
- Wouldn't be interested in a District specifically for electronic meetings in Oregon.
  - 5 – Option for specific district
  - 2 – Not necessary
  - 2 – Want digital district withing current district
  - 2- prefer current structure is hybrid
  - 1 – Electronic is distracting
  - 1 – Would be divisive
  - 4 – Undecided
  - 2 – NA?
- If your electronic meeting stayed in your current Oregon district, would your group be able to send your GR to Oregon in-person assemblies? If not, please explain what would prevent you from doing so.
  - 15 – Yes
  - 1 – Don't Know
  - 2 – Maybe
  - Prevention – 2 Seventh Tradition
  - Prevention – 2 Covid Concerns
- GR's of Current Hybrid Meetings: Why has your group decided to become hybrid.
  - 17 – Distance members/when out of town can attend
  - 16 – Can attend in person
  - 10 – Work Restrictions
  - 9 – Physical access
  - 9 – Weather
  - 7 – Child Care
  - 1 – Membership Grew
  - 1 – Pandemic Concerns
- Which statement best reflects your group's hope for the future of your AI-Anon meeting?
  - 26 – In-Person
  - 20 – Hybrid
  - 4 – Perm Electronic
  - 2 – Not Sure
  - 1 – Audio
- Committee completed the KBDM questions
  - What do we know about our member's or prospective members' needs that is relevant to this discussion?
    - Members need: Anonymity/safety; Unity; Comfort with on-line formats; More understanding regarding the differences between temporary electronic meetings; permanent electronic meetings; and hybrid meetings; Equality in Representation.
  - What do we know about the resources and our vision for the organization that is relevant to this discussion (finances, membership, participation)?
    - There is a desire among members and their groups to maintain autonomy, and anonymity, in keeping with our Traditions and Concepts.
    - Members of all types of meetings are in favor of equal representation for all AI-Anon members.
    - Some members are unsure about their group's ability to financially support their GR to attend in-person Assemblies.



- What do we know about the current realities (membership culture), evolving dynamics of the world and our fellowship's environment (technology, our Legacies and spiritual principles) that is relevant to this discussion? What are the Pros and Cons?
        - We don't know how long the pandemic will last
        - Some members and groups need help with technology
        - There are divided opinions about the value of, or need for electronic meetings as a part of our Oregon Area service structure
      - What are the ethical implications of our choices (pros and cons)? In other words, will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles?
        - **All** Al-Anon members **will** have equal representation at the World Service Conference. Our decision only affects the pathway to representation.
        - We need to keep in mind Tradition 1, that personal progress for the greatest number depends upon unity.
        - We need to carefully examine how this decision affects Al-Anon or AA as a whole. (Tradition 4)
        - Each member benefits in their recovery by participating in service.
      - What do we wish we knew, but don't?
        - We don't know how long the pandemic will last or how long we may need to meet electronically.
        - We don't know how many meetings in Oregon do not want to meet face to face.
        - We don't know what it is going to cost to get back into in person meetings. (All of these places have been closed (venues, churches)), and some of them are charging groups more money to make up what they lost and/or it's costing more for sanitation, etc.
        - We don't know for sure how this decision at the WSO will evolve over the coming year(s)
        - We don't know how it would work to incorporate members into our service structure who embody different cultures and languages and live-in different countries and time zones.
- What is best for the Oregon Area? What is best for the membership?
  - In the survey, we were trying to find out what members say they want and need. Many members don't know the answers to these questions yet. There is confusion regarding the differences between permanent electronic meetings, temporary electronic meetings, and hybrid meetings.
  - An individual group may not be concerned that its members represent different states and countries as it makes decisions for itself. But once a Group's decisions impact the District they're in, and the Oregon Area as a whole, we must consider what is best for each.
  - Does the Oregon Area have the capability to support permanent electronic meetings technologically?
  - Does the Oregon Area want members from outside of Oregon influence Oregon Area decisions?
  - We need to examine this from every angle to see what benefits the greatest number and provides unity for Oregon.
- *Electronic Meeting Thought Force Recommendations to the AWSC*
  - 1. We recommend that permanent electronic meetings do not become part of the Oregon Service Structure **at this time**.
  - 2. We recommend that the Oregon Area continue to offer education on the differences between temporary, permanent and hybrid electronic meetings, and how the Area sees that the Service Structure will be affected by the changes.
  - 3. We think making this decision during COVID is a mistake. We recommend that another survey be conducted when most meetings have returned to face to face to see how the Oregon Al-Anon membership thinks and feels about electronic meetings at that time.
- Thought force Comments

- Kory DR D16 - We were all rather surprised to come to this final decision, I think because many of us were in favor of having electronic meetings be represented in our Oregon Service structure. Out of our conversations and the findings of this survey we came to this decision and discover unanimously and very organically.
- Meredith DR D5 – We had great input from Joanne and Katie to help us focus and refocus when necessary. I know for me I had an original question – Would a permanent meeting be better for outreach because it was being electronic but as we went through the process, I saw the value in hybrid meetings? In Central Oregon we have many thousands of square miles and how to best serve people at a distance, and hybrid meetings could help with that. WSO has a structure, and they are thinking about it and we won't know the answers until the conference next year.
- Question/Comments
  - Stephen DR D10 – I wanted the option for meetings that had already been groups meeting face-to-face and converted to permanently electronic to still be able to be part of their original District.
    - Rita – There is a lot of confusion still around what a permanent electronic meeting, a temporary electronic meeting and a hybrid are. Currently in Oregon we do not have a place in the Oregon Area Service structure for Permanent electronic meetings. Permanent electronic meetings are represented by a virtual area that WSO is establishing. Since there is still a lot of confusion, we felt we needed a lot more education to know what it would mean in the Oregon Area.
  - Lydia DR D11 – The important part right now is the education part to give us a chance of what to discuss it with our groups and members and what it means for us going forward. There are a few groups that are not a part of our district, but they want to influence our district. If they become electronic and they would have voting rights and how is that going to affect that. Additionally, the lack of responses may be because WSO and District 10 were all sending out surveys at this same time.
  - Trish Technology – Don't we need to provide guidance for our delegate next year before they go to World Service Conference?
  - Meredith DR D5 – As a district that had a meeting go from temporary electronic to permanent electronic, they had a reality check. This is a large meeting with about 40 daily attendees which meets 5 days a week. The people who created it were from Central Oregon. When they went permanently electronic, they had people from all over the world attending. As it has gone on the original members have started floating out. What I have observed over time is that the membership keeps changing, the mix keep changing, we never know. I really wanted to support them being in the district but with this amount of change. The leadership at WSO is used to working with international groups they have the set-up they are working hard on it so they will have representation. The question is just because we can do it here, is it the best for Oregon to do here. The groups that go into permanent electronic meetings really need to know what they are getting into and what their obligations are with WSO. There is more information to discover.
  - Kory DR D16 – Once a group is listed on the WSO website as permanently electronic then people can join from all over the world and then at that point, we want to make sure that every single member no matter where they are from has an equal voice in their group. They might feel that there is preferential treatment to those that are local to a district as to having more say because they are part of the service structure in Oregon. It may leave the members of that group that are not located in Oregon feeling that they are not as represented. If they were part of the WSO electronic area, then that would be equal representation because all the groups would be electronic.
  - Joan F CPC – How do we get this information out to each individual group? We rely on Group Representatives but not every group has one.
    - Dawn K. Chair – Would like Rita or another thought force member to make a condensed version of the presentation and give it to the Assembly.

- Joanne C. Group Records – I would suggest a special group be put together to reach out to all the groups in Oregon to educate them over zoom to explain the difference between the 4 different meeting types.

**Budget Presentation** – Sue B. Audit Budget Chairperson (See Attachment – *Proposed Budget & Budget Descriptions*)

- Budget is based on Budget in 2021. There are a few increases
- Line 6 - There is more to carry over because we have not spent as much this year.
- Line 22, 23, 24 - Assembly rent increased with the hope of going to face to face assemblies
- Line 25 - AWSC rent increased with the hope of going to face to face AWSC's
- Line 28-32 - Officer Expenses these all increased with the hope of going to face to face meetings.
- Line 44-52 - Projects – Increase – Hoping to have more going on in 2022
- Line 62 – Decrease in cost because we have changed to use the Square Space webhost and they are not as high.
- Line 66 - NWRDM increased for Alternate Delegate because on the first year of the Panel the Alternate Delegate attends the NWRDM
- Line 67 – NWRDM Past Delegates - Increased because more past Delegates will be going than in the past per the vote to allow all to attend.
- Line 71 – Audit Budget extra day – Increased because of the mailing to mail packages back and forth to do the audit or if they meet in person.
- Line 72 - Contingency Fund decreased that, didn't believe we would need as much.
- Line 75 – Transition Fund – Increased because going into a new panel there are more cost involved in passing off supplies and such into new coordinators and offices.
- Overall, our budget went up from last year by \$8,520 that is based upon face-to-face.
- Questions/Comments
  - Dawn K. – Don't we usually invite the regional trustee to an Assembly the first year of the panel? I had suggested a fund for the nametags, but I don't see that in there.
    - Currently Oregon doesn't have a regional trustee and we discussed this and didn't see it happening in 2022 with all the unknowns. There are still plenty of supplies left over from the last panel including paper and the magnetic badges so that shouldn't be an issue.
  - Stephen DR D10 – I have noticed a trend in my district that groups are donating to the District slightly less. We might not achieve a \$15,000 this year since we have only received \$9,598 so far this year. Was \$15,000 a high expectation with the recent trend in lower donations?
    - The belief is that we would be going back to face to face and that the contributions would resurge. We tried to balance for both types of meeting. Most funds come in the first quarter or the last quarter of the year. The majority of district send donations that last quarter of the year after they have accomplished all their goals and start dispersing funds.
- Reminder to DR's – Send the budget to your Group Representatives so that they can familiarize themselves with it.
- Poll – Group Conscience
  - Do you accept the budget as presented to pass onto the assembly?
  - Unanimous decision to accept the budget as presented and to take to the Assembly for a vote.

**2022 AWSC locations**

- February – Is in Salem D4 in person
- June – Open
- October - District 2 stood to host the October AWSC in 2022. (District 2 was advised that the October AWSC is generally on the second Saturday of the month.)
  - Poll – Group Conscience
    - Do you accept District 2 as the host of the October AWSC?

- Unanimous decision for District 2 to host.

### **PRAASA – Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly – Judy J. PRAASA Chair/PD41**

- PRAASA.....pacific region Alcoholics Assembly Service Assembly includes 9 States, Oregon, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, California, Washington, Arizona, Alaska & Utah. So, there will be a big gathering.

March 4, 5, 6, 2022. LOIS BIRTHDAY.... Will celebrate—Red Lion Hotel, on the Columbia River,,,,,,across from Washington.

Thank you for the money for our treasury....we found it was hard to fund raise, during this pandemic. Barb, our treasurer has worked on a budget, even though there are still so many unknown facts. So, it is not finished. We do have lots of ideas.

We meet monthly zooming.....and attend AA monthly zoom meetings too. (interesting to see and be in AA business meeting) Their budget has not been finalized either. So I feel we are “right where we are supposed to be.” AA Bylaws say registration goes out in September but with so much not decided yet, we will get it out as soon as possible. Our PRAASA Save the Date flyer is on the Oregon web site, please talk about it to encourage everyone to look forward to a BIG Event coming in March.

My Co Chair has stepped down, so if anyone is interested being on the PRAASA committee, let me know. This position includes being our facilities chairman. In fact, our committee would like more members. Deanna is Program and has lots of ideas including getting a speaker for our luncheon. Mary W is hospitality and needs help being very hospitable, JoAnne is in charge of greeters and will need help signing up many helpers. Lydia does our publicity, and we could use a Tech person. We are including Spanish (9 states, we hope to get some Spanish involved). They want translation equipment and are working with Washington and So. Calif. to see if we can borrow.

AA's is discussing going hybrid, only because we really don't know about next year yet. They have hired a lawyer to review our signed contract in case we will have to make big changes. Please share the Save the Date flyer with your members. So they can mark their calendars. And remember P R A A S A= Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

JUDY J

- If you are interested in attending the Planning meeting, the next one will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm via Zoom, contact a member for more information.

### **Action Committees – Dawn K Chair**

- Has had people ask about if we are voting to extend the workshop over action committee trial, cancel action committees or what is happening since in November the 3-year trial would be up. Reviewed the minutes and since the decision was made by GR's at the November 2018 Assembly then the decision to cancel or use action committees will also need to be made by the GR's at the November Assembly.

### **E-Mail – District Representative**

- An e-mail was recently sent to the ALLDR e-mail address from a member informing us that the Young People's Meeting in Portland has changed it's time in Portland and that it was sponsoring a separate group of individuals that are calling themselves the Portland City Young at Heart committee. I am bringing this up to the whole group for two reasons. First – this specific member has been asked to not use the ALLDR e-mail to send information out. I still do not feel receiving an e-mail from this member as an ALLDR e-mail is an appropriate way to follow

the links of service. If this person is a member of the Young People's Meeting and is on a committee that, that group has created to support that group than they would have their GR bring the information to their District meeting or DR and then their DR would bring the information to the attention of the District Representatives in the effected districts and or all AWSC for understanding and awareness. Second – Has to do with Traditions 1 & Tradition 9. I am concerned regarding Tradition 9 that "Our groups, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." In other words, it has been my experience that groups create subcommittees or committees that are directly responsible to the group for group business, but for a group to create a committee that would be a completely independent standing committee that would address "Portland City" issues of Young at Heart people is possibly beyond what a group committee that supports the group would be. That concerns me because that leads to Tradition 1 as whether this is a unifying force for all Al-Anon and how it is part of the unity of Al-Anon as opposed to something separate and not representing unification for all of us. I know a flyer was made about this and it was approved and that was fine, that is a normal way for us to receive communication. So again, I am concerned with how this e-mail was brought to my attention. Second, I am concerned about the format of this new committee and whether it really meets our principles around Unity and whether it should really be representing itself as being supported by a particular group when it is not really a committee for the group, it is really a stand-alone committee of its own that is doing things on its own. I am bringing it up because it may need to be discussed at the AWSC level.

- Comments

- We have had concerns about communication from this individual in the past and have explained that blasting e-mails using the ALLDR's e-mail is not the way to send things. E-mails by members should go specifically to individual DR's.
- There was a flyer recently sent to the flyer approval committee. One of the required changes was that they had to remove a line that talked about this Portland City Young at Heart Committee. The one that was approved didn't have that information on it.
- Conversations with members who've attended the "Young Adults Meeting, AFG" in District 11, and say it's a "Young at Heart Meeting" (YHA), don't understand that YHA is not part of the Al-Anon structure or the links of service. The group doesn't have a GR, does not participate in the district, they have events that say they are sponsored by the district, but have not run anything through the district. However, two newer members said that there is someone "in authority" or "in charge". I too have concerns about the direction of this individual sending the e-mail, and about the misconceptions that young adults get from attending this meeting and events put on by this meeting. I am especially concerned about what might happen moving forward if Oregon Area accepts electronic meetings into the Area Service structure, what kind of influence that they could have that could affect all Oregon Al-Anon as a whole.
- There is a Young at Heart in Al-Anon group in Corvallis that in my experience are following the Traditions and are a really thriving group. They have asked if they can make a presentation of some kind to the assembly because they feel that there has been an individual that is misrepresenting young people's groups and they want to bring back the spirit of likeness, and joyfulness, welcoming and unity to peoples understanding of what young people are hoping to get and share in Al-Anon.
- This Young Peoples meeting was Originally in District 9 and disbanded. They have since changed their name and became a once-a-month speaker meeting and reactivated their original WSO number. Since we are in the Pandemic, they are virtual but if they do not find a location after the Pandemic than currently, they are no longer part of the Oregon Area Service Structure.

## Upcoming Events

- November 20-21, 2021 – Assembly (Virtual)
- February 19, 2022 – Salem D4 - In Person – A flyer should be approved shortly
- March 4, 5, 6, 2022 - PRAASA

**Assembly Agenda**

- Delegates Report - Katie
- Budget - Sue
- Audit Budget Report - Sue
- Quick Reference for GR's Booklet - Sue
- No Need for breakouts (1 Break-out room for elections)
- Elections
- Presentation on Electronic meetings – Condensed - Rita
- Presentation on outcome for silent districts thought force (10 Min) - Joanne
- Update on the group meeting listing policy. – Deanna
- Discussion of Action Committees (Pro/Con) -
- Providing continued clarification of permanent, electronic, hybrid - Dawn K
- Young Peoples meetings clarification if time - Kory
- PRAASA
- Forum & Literature (acknowledgement of Oregon Writers) and a literature drawing - Emma
- 2-3 Book reports - Emma
- GR's commenting between votes on what is going on in their meeting.

**AI-Anon Declaration – 12:30pm**

**Task Forces:**

- No new Task Forces created

**Motions:**

- No new motions made