

Oregon Area AFG Assembly – 11/19-20/2022
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Saturday

Dawn B., started with Serenity Prayer by welcoming 40 (Electronic Component [EC]) plus 30 members who had signed in the sign in/GR sheets. Housekeeping was gone through by Emma DR17. Bunny went through the blue baskets on each table. Autumn, GR Alateen read The Twelve Traditions. Dawn reviewed the Meeting Participation Guidelines. **Sunday** started with 44 (EC) with 23 members in person. Note Barb reported that the sign-in forms showed there were 42 attendees and 37 voting GR/Alt GR's (not everyone signed both sheets.)

Trish presented a PowerPoint about the app “polleverywhere” which will be used to do all voting whether online or in person. Need to use your smart phone. If you are unable, you can text Bunny your vote, use a paper ballot (if in the room) or be called upon by the chair to get your vote if on a landline. **See PowerPoint in attachments** Tent cards showing the QR CODE were on all tables. Trish put up several test questions

Bunny, secretary, went through the AWSC roster completing Roll Call.

Officers

Delegate, Joanne C. (EC)
Alt. Delegate Stephan Y.
Chairperson Dawn B.,
Secretary Bunny G.
Treasurer Barb B.
AAPP OPEN

DISTRICT REPS

District 1 Chris K
District 2 Pat G. (EC)
District 3 Not Represented
District 4 Dawn K.
District 5 Milton A.
District 6 Ree Mc (EC)
District 7 Joan F. Sat (EC)

District 8 Not Represented
District 9 Meladee Sun.(EC)
District 10 Gayle S.
District 11 Patrice M. (EC)
District 12 Not Represented
District 13 Cindy G.
District 14 Not Represented
District 15 Not Represented
District 16 Not Represented
District 17 Emma H.

AUDIT BUDGET

Audit Budget 1 Linda S
Audit Budget 2 Bonnie W.
Audit Budget 3 Sue M. Sat
Sunday (EC)

LIAISONS

AIS Portland Barb B

COORDINATORS

Alateen Open Position
Archives Open Position
CPC/P.I. Maureen C.
Communicator Nancy N.(EC)
Forum/Literature Annie
Group Records Meredith D.
(EC)
Website/Technology Trish B.
Past Delegates

Bunny Panel 38,
Judy Panel 41

- Polleverywhere was launched for an attendance poll. Group Rep or Alt.GR 43, AWSC member 19, AWSC member who is also a GR 5 and Guest 5. Total members 70
- **Treasurer Report** – Barb B. Income this year Jan-Nov 12, \$45,051.06 which includes cash carried forward, expenses are \$16,045.65. Cash balance \$29,005.41 less ample reserve leaves available cash of \$21,005.41. **See full report in attachments**
- **Minutes:** Dawn B. asked (Bunny was unavailable) for corrections to the July 2022 Assembly minutes emailed to all AWSC and posted on the Oregon Area website. Leila, NW at Noon GR D9, so moved **to accept the minutes as written with Maureen, seconding the motion. MOTION #1 This is a one-time motion. Results Yes 50, No's 0 and abstain is 1. The Motion Passed.**

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- **Poll was launched to establish substantial unanimity** Choice was 2/3 with 45 votes and ¾ option had 19. We will be going with 2/3 (30) votes needed to pass motions.
- **WSO Road Trip**, You and your board connect by Joanne C., Oregon's application was emailed to WSO on August 30th, three weeks before the deadline. In February of 2023 the cities who applied will be notified of the final Board selection. **See full report in attachments**
- **Help wanted and OAC Report** by Kathy K. and Mary W. plus five Alateen members, DJ, Addy, Autumn, Corey and Isaac. Kathy made a plea for the need for new AMIAS. Mary talked about the AMIAS training and will be taking this on the road. DJ, who is on the OAC committee, talked about items for sale and the need for financial support for the OAC convention this year. Abby shared a few minutes of her story. **See Full report attached.** Some save the date flyer available.
- **Book Report** – Annie Literature/The Forum shared out of the June 2022 Forum. Handed out past issues of the magazine.
- **Breakout for GRs**, led by Stephen, Alt Delegate: This breakout started with Stephen talking about the forming of a task force to come up with a draft policy/procedure on accepting electronic meetings to the Oregon Area. It will be presented to the AWSC for review and discussion then to the assembly for Review and Discussion. A PowerPoint was presented from the Thought Force had reported to AWSC in October and November assembly 2021. Carol GR D06 was added to this Task Force. Talked about the Town Hall (education for the Area) and part of the discussion from that event. Stephen asked for a raise of hands to support this task force, more than 2/3 of GRs voted for this. **Several documents in the attachments.**

Meredith , Group Records Coordinator, (AGRC) shared that her task is to make sure all groups are listed correctly at the WSO and Oregon Area which includes the Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) that serves 5 districts in the Portland area. Went through using the links of service to change your group information. Some DRs want the group to go to the WSO to fill out the form which is then sent to AGRC. Contact AGRC through the Oregon Area Website under "contacts". Stephen spent the last part of breakout with list of 9 other questions that GRs have asked for discussion. **See the list in attachment** if you would like to start more discussion in your district.

- **DRs** breakout chaired by Dawn K. Kathy K made a plea for more AMIAS and she answered a few questions. Then Joanne updated us on the task force looking at including electronic meetings into our area, and answered questions about that. Then Maureen, CPC, talked about the thought force on using social media for public

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outreach to professionals. Most of the information we discussed was shared elsewhere during the assembly, so nothing new to pass along.

- **Coordinators/officers** breakout had 2 coordinators which were able to ask a few questions. More general discussion continued.
- **Lunch 12:30 to 1:45**

Dawn restarted with the serenity prayer asking Penny GR17 read The Concepts and Warranties.

- **Walking through the WSO website** with **Scot Powers**, WSO Associated Director Communication. In 2021 the WSO website had over 5 million sessions or members logging in to this site. This is up from 2016 where site was getting 2 million sessions. Scot showed the many tabs that can be helpful to members and answered several questions from the audience. There are four sections with many dropdown categories. Newcomers, Meetings, Members and Professionals. There is also a calendar where areas can have their events posted as long as it is sponsored by a service arm. A question about how many GEA (global electronic area) = Over 850 electronic meetings. The meeting section is being updated in the next couple of months which hopefully will make it easier to find a meeting and different languages. Scot was sharing his screen so no attachment available but encouraged all members to go to Al-Anon.org to explore all the tabs. Scot shared a bit the social media presence: we are on YouTube, Twitter, for now, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. Encourage members to share what you see on these social media with others.
- **Delegate Report Joanne C., Part one - PowerPoint will be attached along with written report.** Highlights are: question to the members today is “Why are you here?” Do you want to be a trusted servant, do you care at the depth of your very core about Al-Anon, do you want to sustain the future of Al-Anon or is it just the fellowship? She listed the 21 areas who have already have their policy/procedure in place for admitting electronic meeting into their area. WSO is working on digitizing all books. WSO is offering tours through online booking platform. Service manual V2 will be out at end of year. Think about Love gifts for the delegate to take to conference April 20-23 2023. Went through the financial summary and Policy update.
- **2023 Oregon Area Budget– Linda S.** Audit Budget Chair. After going through the 2023 budget and answering questions the GRs (39) voted in the budget with more than a 2/3 substantial unanimity. **See attach final budget**

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- **Special Presentation** by District One Chris K. A check to the Area of \$200.00 was presented. She challenged all district and groups to match or exceed a donation to the area this year, with the reminder we have not had a State Speaker Meeting, which has been Area's only Fundraiser.
- **Elections for the following**
 - **AAPP** Mary W. read her trusted servant profile. A vote of GRs showed **substantial unanimity** welcoming Mary W. as our new AAPP. Her term will start January 1, 2023 per Stephen's request.
 - Oregon Area **Alateen Coordinator**: Kathy K. read her trusted servant profile. A vote of GRs showed **substantial unanimity** welcoming Kathy as our new Alateen Coordinator.
 - **Archives** Nancy N. read her trusted servant profile. The Poll showed **substantial unanimity** as our new Archive Coordinator (this was done Sunday)
- **The Communicator – Nancy N.** What's new with the Oregon Area Online Newsletter: October 2022 Go to <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/the-communicator> You can subscribe and get it in your email. See several issues back to 2016 on the Oregon Area Website. Troy GR11 and Patrice DR11 joined her committee.
- **Thought force, task force and work groups:** Judy went through the current ongoing thought force, task force and work groups. **Work Group on Web Site, Thought Force: Candidate (Resumes) Questions and Comments, Work Group: "Communicator, Handbook Committee, Flyer Committee, Audit Budget Committee, Task Force: "Virtual Event for GR's Thought Force "social media, Task Force: Creating A Process to Accept Electronic Groups into The Oregon, And Thought Force: "Pros & Cons of Having a Spanish Overlay District.** See the attached chart on the website. See **attached**.
- **Leadership Decision:**

Oregon Area meetings that are currently 100% virtual (but not registered as virtual in the GEA) AND were previously associated with an in-person meeting that still meets (meeting date and time) can now be listed temporarily on the Oregon Area Website meeting list. This temporary decision will be reversed/revised after the WSO and/or the Oregon Area create guidelines that address meeting registration and representation issues. Contact the Oregon Area Website Coordinator, Trish, at Website@OregonAl-Anon.org. Please provide the name of the in-person group and virtual meeting link information.
- **Audit Budget Report: Linda S.** The committee met and found the books in order for the last two quarters. We also audited the Oregon Alateen Conference finances from last year and found them in order.

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- **AWSC Recap by Dawn B., First AWSC with an electronic component.** Roll Call: 22 in person and 5 electronic. 7 visitors, Practiced Polleverywhere, Basic agenda items like the Delegates Report, Treasurers update. 2023 Budget was gone over before sending out to all GRs. Thought/Task Force Review was gone over and added to. Meredith gave a great Group Records Presentation which will be presented at another assembly. There was a one-time motion to increase the travel allowance from \$180 - \$250 for AWSC and November Assembly. Will be on the next AWSC agenda to have more discussion. The State Speakers Meeting, to have or not to have, will be on the February 2023 AWSC agenda as we haven't had one in a long time. Pros and Cons of having a Spanish District in Oregon with a Thought Force was formed. We then created the November Assembly Agenda. The draft minutes are at the Oregon Area Web site: <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/awsc-minutes>

Closed at 5 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration

Sunday

- **Opening** with the Serenity Prayer. Chris K DR1 Reading of 4 Primary Ideas, (2018/20 SM pg. 21-22),
- **Report on Town Hall** In-Person Meetings and In-Person Meetings with Electronic Component (hybrid) – Stephen Y., Meredith D., Joanne C., September 20, 2022 first one with 74 members attending. **See full report in the AWSC attachment for October 2022.** More questions and discussion about the Tech, groups splitting – face to face and electronic only and how to list. WSO policy committee is reviewing this. Reminder that we are all learning together as we navigate though these changing times. See the leadership decision above about temporary electronic meetings. More town halls are being planned.
- **Delegate's Report** (part 2), Joanne C. See PowerPoint in attachments. We are all Trusted Servants, trusting each other and supporting each other. Concept 3: A few examples using her experiences on how she uses this concept during her term as a trusted servant. As a public information coordinator and when delegate voting on the global electronic area. She proposed two questions for discussion: Have you used Concept 3 in any of your service positions? How do you feel supported by your group?
- **Donation to WSO:** Attendance taken with Polleverywhere to determine how many GRs are available We will be voting on how much to send to the WSO. We have line item to send a donation once a year. We review our expenses plus estimate of additional income at the end of the year to determine if we can send more or less. Motion to have Oregon Area donated a \$1000.00 to WSO for 2022. **Substantial Unanimity of the 36 GRs - Motion Passed.**

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- **Ask It basket question** – Stephen read the question: please define Co-GR service position and is it an arbitrary arrangement between two GRs for a group. Referring to several pages in the Service Manual, quoting both 2022-2024 (on-line only) and 2019-2021 (printed) pages in regards to Alternates for GRs and if larger groups for all positions. The important word is Alternates not Co-anything. He quoted Concept 10 “Service Responsibility Is Balanced by Carefully Defined Service Authority and Double Headed Management Is Avoided.” He also read a portion of this concept.
- **Assembly Host 2023** What district/s will host future AWSC/assemblies? District 1 bid for March 2023 and District 10 bid for November 2023. July is still open.
- **Walk Through the Oregon Website – Trish Web Coordinator** oregonal-anon.org shared what is new. Under AI-Anon Member Share is articles that are coming from WSO to post on our website. Please send **jpg** photos of nature scenes from around Oregon so we can have photos to select from to add to web pages. Go out and explore the website and give me your feedback. To Contact one of us go to the menu and scroll down to CONTACT. One suggestion was to have a search button in meetings or in the website.

Assembly highlights: What will GR's take back to their groups?

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

2022/2023 Events

- Feb 18th 2023 AWSC District 10 Tualatin – United Methodist Church
 - March 2023 Assembly Seaside
 - June 2023 AWSC District 7 Medford
 - July 2023 Assembly **OPEN**
 - Oregon Alateen Conference 8/5/23-8/7/23
 - November 2023 Assembly District 10 Tualatin
- Note: set up a form for motions or polls. Polleverywhere/verbal (need name) /text (required phone & name) paper ballots.

MOTIONS One-Time Motions

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- **Motion to have Oregon Area donated a \$1000.00 to WSO for 2022. This is a one-time motion. Motion passed with 38 yes and 3 no. Substantial Unanimity Was 24 votes.**