

Oregon Area AFG Assembly - Virtual Meeting **Draft Minutes**

July 16-17, 2022 Saturday 9AM to 2PM Sunday 9AM to Noon

Saturday

Dawn started with Serenity Prayer by welcoming 57 members who had logged on. She read the microphone and Voting statement. Erica GR from District 4 read The Twelve Traditions.

Dawn also reviewed the Virtual Meeting Participation Guidelines.

Bunny, the interim secretary, went through the AWSC roster completing Roll Call. Participates on screen started at 57. Throughout the day the numbers fluctuated ending with 66 members. During the speaker the log showed 76 members, many from other areas. **Sunday** started with 47 logged in and ended with 58 logged in.

Officers

Delegate, Joanne C.

Alt. Delegate Stephan Y.

Chairperson Dawn B.,

Secretary OPEN

Bunny G. Interim

Treasurer OPEN

Barb B. Interim

AAPP OPEN

DISTRICT REPS

District 1 Not Represented

District 2 Patti G.

District 3 Not Represented

District 4 Dawn K.

District 5 Meredith on behalf of

District 6 Not Represented

District 7 Joan F.

District 8 Lydia visitor

District 9 Meladee M.

District 10 Gayle S.

District 11 Patrice M.

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 Not Represented

Audit Budget 2 Bonnie W.

Audit Budget 3 Sue M.

LIAISONS

AIS Portland Barb B

COORDINATORS

Alateen Open Position

Archives Open Position

CPC/P.I. Maureen C.

Communicator Nancy N.

Forum/Literature Annie

Group Records Meredith D.

Website/Technology

Trish B.

Past Delegates

Bunny Panel 38,

Judy Panel 41

Minutes: Before asking for a vote a poll was launched to see how many GRs – 37 counted in. Bunny then asked for corrections of the March 2022 Assembly Minutes emailed to all AWSC. Nancy said on Page 4 there is a correction. Should say: A poll was launched to get a group conscience on how this body of members would prefer to receive the newsletter. Bunny asked to accept the March 2022 minutes as corrected. Gayle DR10 so moved with Nancy N., Communicator Editor, seconding the motion. MOTION #1 This is a one-time motion. Results Yes 33, No's 0 and abstain is 1. The Motion Passed.

Dawn B. asked for any quick **announcements** – Stephen announced the Oregon Alateen Conference. Several other members talked about speaker meetings, study groups and conventions which are all listed under Event list or calendar on Oregon Website

<https://www.oregonal-anon.org/events-list>

Thought Force, Task Force and work groups: Dawn B. went through the Current ongoing Thought Force, Task Force and work groups, asking the chair of each whether they have met

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since the last assembly. See the attached chart on the website. Dawn would like to review these groups at each assembly. **Attached get from Judy J.**

Delegate Report Joanne C., with Barb B. reporting the financial portion of the report. Highlights included explaining what a delegate and what do they do, what is a World Service Conference (WSC), information about Global Electronic Area (GEA) joined the Panel with a New Delegate Ozzie A. Joanne talked about the types of groups going on right now since there are still lots of questions: face to face, hybrid, temporary electronic and permanent electronic meeting (GEA). There will be a time when groups will have to choose between the choices listed but not right now. There is a new social media policy, must be a service arm or entity. She talked about Public Service Announcements (PSA) with a shout out for volunteers to contact professionals in person. New Service manual and the Groups at Work are on line at <https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/>. Joanne announced that the new 2022 WSC Conference Summary will be out anytime. Talked about the Road Trip and if Oregon interested in applying for next year, 2023. Deadline September 23, 2022. Al-Anon International is June 30th – July 2nd, 2023.

Barb started her part of the report showing what was covered at the conference. WSO is trying to get the budget back to “before pandemic” to providing services to the fellowship, restoring staffing levels and continuing the organization’s mission and strategic plan. All groups use WSO services, but only 52% contributed in 2021. Cost to provide services per year of all registered group is \$283.33 per group. (13,841 groups x \$283.33 = \$3,921,571.00 (budget for group contributions), showed a chart of the Power of the \$1.00. Showed an overview of the budget & expenses. Oregon groups contributed an average of \$169.13. Barb talked about WSO plans for 2022 which include animations, social media platforms, digital communication and training. Plans also include Electronic Meeting transformation, Translation of the Service manual, New daily reader translation, longitudinal study and the 2023 International Convention. See full presentation in attachments. Joanne took some questions about investments and reserves. She will find out the answers and get back to the member from district 6. After answering questions, she ended her presentation with a walk through Stepping Stones which the delegates were able to visit. Go to <https://www.steppingstones.org/> for more photos and information. **Presentation is attached.**

Breakouts

District Representative breakout **Patrice DR 11** chaired the breakout. Started by showing the guideline G15, District Meetings from WSO. Went through how she used this guideline. The remaining meeting discussion centered around how to increase participation. Coordinating service and public outreach projects, Keep it fun, make it interesting, her district had a speaker from Area, Joanne, who spoke for 20 minutes and shared her service story. Her GRs loved it and looking to have more of it. **Pat,DR1** changed their district format to include every other month

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inviting a speaker with a short business part, the other month handling all business. Her district tried to have a face-to-face district meeting but stopped due to one member getting sick. Concern about losing a permanent face to face meeting to permanent electronic when there are so few groups in District 2. **Gayle, DR10**, shared that every other month a GR shares on a concept, the next month is a favorite piece of literature. Her goal is to get her GRs involved. They are doing a hybrid district meeting on a trial for 4 meetings for the summer. She believes that the business meetings on zoom is working well and would like to see the GRs make an effort to go to the in-person assembly. Would like to plan a district meal at this event so we can get to know each other more. **Joan, DR7**, shared that there is a lot of education that needs to be done so they have a time for training and a time for questions at every district meeting. Meredith, group records and Maureen, PI/CPC coordinator, both offered to come to any district meeting. **Emma, DR17** said she stepped up because no one else would. **Cindy, DR13** shared she really appreciated all the discussion. Several DRs expressed concerns about unhealthy groups. In the Oregon Area Handbook, found on line at the Oregon website, is a process to help solve these questions. Joan DR7 offered to chair the next October AWSC breakout for DR. Seven DRs and 6 members from AWSC and 1 guest.

GR breakout – Stephen July '22 Assembly - GR Break-out Questions/Topics I received the following questions/topics in advance of the Assembly: Q1: What do GRs report back to their Groups after Assembly? 2: I've noticed that some literature from the WSO has not been available. What's happening and when can we expect availability? Q3: Guidance in doing a group inventory: Q4: How to grow a group and retain members? Q5: Now that the WSO has Social Media guidelines, can the Area look into having an Area Social Media Presence (e.g. Instagram) to post meeting information? Q6: Hybrid Meetings: **Questions/Topics added to the Agenda during the Meeting:** 1. Alateen has been hard to get going in our District. Suggestions? 2. We have no DR. How can our GRs receive Area information and summaries of Assemblies? 3. What are folks doing to attract new members? 4. A GR wants a discussion about "Ultimate authority belongs to the groups." 5. What are some good fundraising options for our group/district. 6. Will the Area consider in-person meetings that went virtual throughout covid becoming part of the Area as permanent electronic meetings? **Looking for topics for the November assembly topics.** **See full report and responses in attachment**

Hybrid Thought Force Report – Trish Showed a presentation with all the information gathered using knowledge-based decision making (KBDM). Trish went with other committee members and tested two facilities to see if hybrid would work, Clackamas Community College, who had their own equipment and the Doubletree Hotel in Beaverton, also had own equipment. Each test showed we needed a better web camera/speaker. The committee also tested two voting apps among themselves and at the June AWSC as the voting procedure will need to look different. The June AWSC voted to approve up to \$1500.00 to purchase the equipment. Plans going forward is the October AWSC and the November Assembly will be hybrid. There was a list for more volunteers to help with the electronic and the in-person portions. Contact Trish at technology@oregonal-anon.org before October 1st to volunteer and get more information. The

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last 15 minutes was opened up for GRs to share on what was working as far as hybrid meetings in their home groups. Stephen said they didn't finish talking about this in the GR breakout so if you have questions, particular things you want to know, what are the roles of members in your group. Some groups use lap top, or iPads, some are lucky to have a muti directional speakers to hear better from these devises. One question that didn't get answered is how to have a confidential group inventory with hybrid? **Presentation attached**

Reports

Treasurer – Barb B., Group donations up to July 9th \$10,050.93 Expenses are \$11,123.38 Available Cash \$21,147.21. **Full report is attached.**

Team Building: Nancy N. Communicator Editor supplied questions for an activity via a poll to try to get to know each other. Very fun experience. Lots of laughter.

Guest Speaker from WSO. Sarah S. WSO Director of Programs.

Close with the Serenity Prayer.

Sunday

Opening with the Serenity Prayer. Diana O, GR D6 read the Concepts and Warranties. Dawn reminded everyone of the microphone, raising your virtual hand to speak, and the voting statements.

AWSC Chair report – Dawn B., Recap the June AWSC meeting. The draft minutes are at the Oregon Area Web site: <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/awsc-minutes> **See attached report**

Two Book reports: Lynda GR D4 – **Al-Anon's Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions** and Darlene G. GR D17 - **Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses.**

Elections: Submit Service Resume which you find on the Oregon Area Website. <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/oregon-area-handbook> Section 2 job descriptions.

Polls were launched to determine number of GRs in attendance before voting took place. (GR votes 36) Bunny was voted in as Secretary and poled again (GR votes 38) Barb B. was voted in as Treasurer. AAPP (Alateen Area Process Person) plus the Archives and Alateen coordinators are still open. Service sponsors are available.

Communicator Nancy N. Communicator Editor - the first issue is on the Oregon Al-Anon web site and can be seen at: <https://oregonal-anon.org/the-communicator>. We plan to have a sign-up form on the website soon where members can put just their first name, personal email, and district number to sign up to receive the Communicator to their in-boxes. Members may also email Nancy at communicator@oregonal-anon.org and give her that information, and she can sign them up if that is more convenient. Nancy is looking at a hard copy to mail if requested. A

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question about the Communicator being in English and Spanish. Nancy would love to see this happening; would need a person to translate. **See full report attached**

Road Trip – Replacing the TEAM event. A chance to meet the board of trustees on Saturday after their board week in October 2023. Joanne went through the requirements from WSO. Dawn asked for discussion on putting in a bid to host the Road Trip in Oregon. Leila, D9 GR made the motion (one Time) for the Oregon area to put our hat in the ring to host the Road Trip in Oregon in October 2023. It was seconded by Annie, Coordinator. This motion passed. The leadership will look at this and work out the details. MOTION #2

Hosting Assembly 2023 March, July, November. Khris from District 1 said in 2020 her district was signed up to host an assembly. She is willing to go back to her district and present it to them. Dawn asked all districts to take it back to their members. No district spoke up at this time. Any questions you can contact Bunny G. on the Area Web site Panel 38, or Trish, Area Tech Coordinator. <https://www.oregonal-anon.org/take-action>

CPC Presentation Maureen Shared a PowerPoint telling a little bit of how she got started in Public Outreach and what she is learning. One slide showed the number of Mental Health Providers in Oregon. Her idea is a Lunch Time Poster Project. Ask to have the WSO Poster put up in the staff lounge, breakroom, cafeteria or lunch room. Take the poster to Medical offices, hospitals, therapist offices, chiropractors, or police stations. The presentation is **in the attachments.**

GR Sharing (Assembly highlights: What will you share with your group?) Last 25 minutes

5:00pm Close with AI-Anon Declaration,

2022/2023 Events

- ▶ Oregon Alateen Conference 8/5/22-8/7/22
- ▶ Oct. 8 – AWSC – District 2 Newport, Oregon coast)
- ▶ Nov. 19 & 20 - Oregon Area Assembly, D17 Oregon City Clackamas Community College
- ▶ Feb 18th 2023 AWSC District 10 Tualatin – United Methodist Church
- ▶ March 2023 Assembly **OPEN**
- ▶ June 2023 AWSC District 7 Medford
- ▶ July 2023 Assembly **OPEN**

MOTIONS Both of these are one-time motions.

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#2. It was moved for Oregon area to submit our bid to put our hat in the ring to host the Road Trip in Oregon in October 2023. Passed