

**2021 AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING BC/YUKON**

**VIA ZOOM**

**MAY 28/29<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**“Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance”**

**Officers, Coordinators, and Liaisons in attendance**

Shannon Patrick (D15) Chair

Lynn Breese (D32) Delegate

Ally Guevin (D17) Alternate Delegate

Ann Ahearn (D09) Secretary

Janis Armit (D10) Treasurer

Jody Swenson (D10) Group Records Coordinator

Jean Hopley (D27) Bulletin Editor

Patty Takacs (D14) Website Coordinator

Annette Palmer (D26) Webmaster

Amy Gillard (D17) Literature Coordinator

Gail Schuler (D10) Public Outreach Coordinator

Leona Gray-Mason (D17) Victoria AIS Acting Chair

Lynne Gaster (D08) Central Service Office Chair

Regrets: Michelle Westwood (D15) Alateen Coordinator/AAPP

**Friday Evening, May 28, 2021**

Shannon opened the meeting @ 7pm with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Shannon then read the AI-Anon welcome.

Elke H (D09) read the Traditions and Gail S read the Concepts.

Shannon went over the etiquette for a Zoom meeting. Also thanked Annette and Dennis for their technical support and noted if anyone is having any issues to put a message into the chat for them. Shannon then went over the goals for AWSCM and set the tone for respectful discussion and goodwill.

The Officers, Coordinators, and Liaisons were introduced. There were 3 Past Delegates in attendance, Lois K (D25), Dennis G (D17) and Janis A (D10), who were recognized for their service.

Shannon asked us to add an item to tomorrow's Agenda. Gail S is going to speak on the Al-Anon's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

**DR Orientation-** Ally gave a highly informative and relatable DR Orientation using PowerPoint.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year DR** reports were given by: Donna H (D26), Shaelee M (D32), Nancy M (D20), Betty A Alt DR (D15), Lory M (D27) and Patty T (D14). Shannon thanked them for their reports.

Shannon mentioned that there was a note in the chat regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

We then went over who the voting members were. There were 26 voting members present for the voting. We also tested the polling feature on Zoom and voted for a simple majority for the weekend.

Shannon advised that we would all convene tomorrow morning no later than 9:00. She will open the Zoom meeting in the morning @ 8am for fellowship.

We closed the meeting with the Al-Anon Declaration @ 8:38.

### **Saturday Morning, May 29, 2021**

Shannon opened the meeting @ 9am with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Merlene S (D15) read the Traditions and Lothar (D17) read the Concepts.

Shannon went over the goals of the AWSCM.

**Consent Agenda:** Ally G (D17) motioned to adopt the 2019 AWSCM minutes, seconded by Terry S (D21).  
**ADOPTED**

Shannon welcomed the 7 new 1<sup>st</sup> year DR's to the meeting.

Shannon went over who was eligible to vote; DRs, Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons, and our voting process. It was decided yesterday that we would use a simple majority for a vote.

Shannon welcomed and introduced Shirley T (D05) past delegate, and noted that Janis A (D10), Dennis G (D17), and Lois K (D25) Past Delegates were in attendance.

There will be no evaluation forms for the meeting, but you can email your comments to Shannon or any of the other Officers. Ask it Basket questions can either be emailed or put into the chat function of Zoom. Tradition 7 information will be in the chat as well. An addition to our Agenda today is a report from Gail S (D10) on the Al-Anon 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans. If anyone has anything to add to the agenda, please let Shannon know before the break.

**Treasurer's Report: Janis A-** The report was presented in Power point by Janis. Patty T (D14) motioned to adopt the Treasurer's report as presented, second by Jean H (D27). **ADOPTED** Janis noted we are in a good financial position and asked the DR's to ensure the group treasurers had her mailing address. It was also noted that due to the pandemic there was no budget created for this year. A copy of the Income Statement and the Balance Sheet can be found in the May Bulletin.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year DR report:** Tanis R (D18)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year DR reports:** Andrea C (D19), Lynne G (D08), Akemi M (D05), Annette P (D26), Carol M (D10), and Leona G (D17)

#### **BREAK**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year DR reports:** Audrey P (D02), Bill G (D16), Linda M (D04), Elke H (D09), Eileen C (D11) Trish M (D25) and Terry S (D21)

Shannon thanked the DRs for their reports.

**Delegate's Report: Lynn B-** Lynn presented her last WSC report to us with a Power Point presentation. We heard a lot of new and exciting information. Lynn also included a scavenger hunt using our Concepts. Prizes were won for those with the correct answer. Lynn noted that her favourite part of the WSC was a virtual tour of Stepping Stones, our founders' Bill and Lois's home. The full report can be found on the BC/Yukon website.

#### **LUNCH BREAK**

#### **Saturday Afternoon, May 29,2021**

**Roll Call: Jody S (D10):** Jody noted that our numbers had fluctuated during our time on Zoom, there are 20 of 22 DR's, 13 of 14 Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons, and 18 other members (which included 4 past Delegates) present.

Shannon read the rules of engagement for our upcoming motions and discussion.

#### **Topics for Discussion:**

**Public Outreach Motions 2019-** Shannon gave us the background information on these motions, which can be found in the April 2021 Bulletin. Lois K (D25) a member of the task force gave us a detailed report of the process, findings, and recommendations. Details can be found in the April 2021 Bulletin (PG 7-11). It was noted that if we go ahead with these recommendations, that the job description for Public Outreach Coordinator would be revised. Some comments from our discussion: good financial move, having difficulties filling both positions, have a committee to support the Public Outreach Coordinator, possibly an Alt. Coordinator, members of the committee sign on for at least a one- year term, have a rep from each group be a part of the Public Outreach meetings, committee members can be dual members. Shannon then polled the DR's to see if they thought they had enough information to take back to their groups.

**Webmaster Motion 2020-** Dennis G (D17) presented the background information on this new position and the need for us, as an Area to have someone with very technical experience to help us navigate and maintain our BC/Yukon website that Annette P (D26) worked so hard at creating. Annette offered some history as well and asked anyone with any questions to email her. Patty T (D14) spoke to her job as Website Coordinator and how it was very different from the Webmaster. Ally G (D17) also spoke on how this position was brand new to BC/Yukon and gave additional background information. It was also noted that the Webmaster was not a Coordinator position but a more technical one. The person doing the job would not necessarily need to be an Al-Anon member (although preferably a member) or be required to attend AWSCM or Assembly. Other Areas pay for a Webmaster to maintain the Webpage. The amount

we are paying Annette is an average amount, and below market value. It was voiced that we are extremely fortunate to have Annette with her skill and expertise.

**Alateen Question 2020- Does our Area require an Alateen Coordinator and an Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)?** - Ally G (D17) gave us the background information on this question. She also read a note from Michelle W (D15) Alateen Coordinator/AAPP who said that doing both positions is working well as one, and she feels it is a better service to the Area having the two positions revert into one and that she now has a connection with the AMIAS in our Area. It was noted that if we bring the motion forward to Assembly to amalgamate the two positions that Michelle has agreed to stay on for 2 more years to be in sync with the Schedule of Elections. Comments noted were a concern of double headed management, the position has been vacant for some time now, concern about having difficulty reaching the coordinator and having another contact for Alateen would make it easier. Shannon reminded us that the other Officers and Coordinators are there to help as well.

The DR's were polled to see if they had enough information regarding the Webmaster position and the Alateen question to take back to their groups. It was agreed they did.

## **BREAK**

### **New Business:**

**Polling of DRs for Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Treasurer (1yr)**- The following members raised a hand for elected positions: Ally G (D17) and Joy P (D21) for Delegate, Lory M (D27) and Owen H (D01) for Alternate Delegate and Janis A (D10) said she would finish the one year left on the Treasurer position but encouraged anyone to put their name forward.

We were reminded that there are Coordinator positions also becoming available at the end of this year: Alateen, Group Records, Public Outreach (Gail S (D10) is currently filling this position until the end of the year) and Archives. Please go over the job descriptions posted on the BC/Yukon website and submit a resume.

**Transforming Electronic meetings into AFG's**- Lynn B (D32) informed us about the WSC's decision to recognize the over 700 registered Permanent Electronic Groups as AI-Anon Family Groups so there is no distinction between face-to-face, electronic or hybrid meetings. Lynn will send the Guidelines for these meetings out to all DR's and Officers, so that we can take the information back to our group. There will be more discussion at Assembly. Lynn is suggesting that we put a motion out at Assembly, recommending we put together a Task/Thought Force to discuss this further. Comments and discussion followed.

**Future Hybrid AWSCM/Assemblies**- Janis A (D10) started the conversation about our Area Events being held as Hybrid gatherings in the future. After much discussion it was agreed that the Officers would strike up a Task Force using Knowledge Based Decision Making to bring information to the GRs at Assembly in September. Annette P (D26) offered to be part of the Task Force. We were reminded the approval to move forward with this comes from the GRs. Email Shannon with anymore questions. Shannon will put updates regarding this in future Bulletins.

**AI-Anon 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**- Gail S (D10) has been meeting with members through Public Outreach Zoom meetings to discuss Public Outreach and our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The celebration will be held on Zoom, Oct 23,2021 from 10am-3pm. The theme is "Changes in AI-Anon throughout the Years".

Gail walked us through their plans and ideas for the celebration. If you have further ideas, you can mail Gail. Next Public Outreach meeting is June 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30am to Noon, everyone is welcome.

**Alateen Online meeting information-** Lory M (D27) spoke on the Prince George online Alateen meetings. She passed on the email address: [pgalateen@gmail.com](mailto:pgalateen@gmail.com) . This email address is always monitored. You can email your questions or concerns.

We then held a Group Conscience to ask the DRs if the Officers could move forward with putting together a Task Force for Hybrid meetings. All were in favour. Akemi put her name forward for the Task Force as well.

**Agenda for 2021 Assembly-** Shannon went through the items for the Agenda for Assembly, Sept. 24 & 25, 2021. Email Shannon with any more items to be added.

Reminder to send any comments to Shannon regarding this AWSCM.

Shannon thanked Lynn, Ally, and Janis for their reports and to the DRs for their reports. She also thanked Owen for passing on good templates to follow from his past position as Chair.

We closed the meeting with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Ahearn

Area Secretary