

BC/Yukon Area Hybrid Assembly

September 22-24, 2023

Langley, BC

Love, Laugh and Grow Together

Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons in attendance:

Patty Takacs (D34) Chair

Owen Hughes (D1) Delegate

Nancy MatthewsCyr (D18) Alternate Delegate

Cindy Hamilton (D10) Acting Treasurer and Acting Central Services Office Chair

Shannon Patrick (D15) Acting Secretary

Sarah Ormond (D10) Group Records Coordinator

Michelle Westwood (D15) Alateen Coordinator

Gail Schuler (D11) Public Outreach Coordinator

Jean Hopley (D27) Bulletin Coordinator

Donna Hartford (D6) Literature Coordinator

Lothar Spingat (D17) Website Coordinator

Akemi Morris (D5) Hybrid Event Coordinator

Angus Pratt (D9) Assistant Hybrid Event Coordinator

Amy Gillard (D17) Victoria AIS Chair

Regrets: Ernie Webber (D18) Hybrid Equipment Coordinator, Janis Armit (D10) Treasurer

Friday Evening September 22/2023

Patty welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and the AI-Anon welcome.

Pamela L (D18) and Janet M (D15) read the Traditions.

Patty read the Anonymity reminder and made some general announcements.

Thanks were given to the host committee (District 4) for all their hard work and to Kathy S (D3) who made origami love gifts for the tables.

Patty went over the Assembly Purpose and Goals.

A vote was taken for whether to use simple majority or 2/3 unanimity for the voting process this weekend and a simple majority was chosen.

Patty introduced the past Delegates that were present: Lynn B (2019-2021) and Dennis G (2007-2009) and thanked them for their service.

Brief introduction made of all Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons.

GR Orientation Nancy M presented her entertaining, animated Group Representative (GR) orientation, 'Ermagarde Carries the Envelope', followed by breakout sessions in the room at 4 different stations which covered the GR Guide to Assembly, GR Resources, GR Binder, and Service Manual. Online participants discussed the materials in one breakout group.

Question and answer discussion period followed the breakout sessions.

Raffle winners in room and online were as follows:

Service Manual- Karen S (D17); Angela (D2)

Groups at Work- Jean G (D29); Henny K (D2)

Conflict Resolution Kit- Brenda M (D15); Norma M (D33)

GR Binder- Nancy S (D12); Stella (D17)

Nancy directed all 3rd year GRs to check out the 'When I Grow Up, I Want to be a DR' poster at the back of the room and to consider the next step of service as a District Representative.

Patty noted that from the questions in the room, that there was not a good understanding of the voting process and in keeping with Knowledge Based Decision Making, will bring more information to the membership tomorrow and revisit the vote for simple majority and 2/3 unanimity.

Patty announced that there will be an 8am Early Bird meeting Saturday morning in person at the Church Hall and another separate one online.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Ice Cream social and fellowship followed.

Saturday Morning September 23/2023

Patty called the meeting to order at 9am with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Patty read the Al-Anon welcome and the Traditions were read by Irene T (D34), Marcy J (D33), Audrey P (D2) and Celia H (D25).

Announcements and housekeeping issues covered; host committee, led by chair Linda M (D4), were thanked again for the great job they have done and are continuing to do.

Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons briefly introduced themselves.

Patty went over the Assembly Purpose and Goals.

Voting Procedure After more discussion and a better understanding by the GRs of the voting process, another vote was taken, and it was overwhelmingly in favor of 2/3 substantial unanimity.

Consent agenda- history read by Shannon P.

Terry S (D21) moved to adopt the Consent agenda and Brenda M (D15) seconded the motion. **Passed**

Stretch break led by Nancy M.

Introduction of Past Delegates present: Dennis G, Lynn B.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy H (D10) presented the financial report on behalf of our current treasurer, Janis A, who was unable to be present. Q&A period followed.

Motion to accept the financial report for 2022-2023 as presented, was made by Erin S (D10) and seconded by Clarissa T (D23). **Carried**

Proposed budget for 2023-2024 presented by Cindy, followed by Q&A

Motion to accept proposed budget for 2023-2024 as presented, was made by Michelle W (GR D15) and seconded by Satish M (D27). **Carried**

The reports are available for viewing on the BC/Yukon AI-Anon Website.

Patty did a quick poll of past and present DR's that have or are completing a 3-year term.

Website Presentation Lothar S. talked about the changes with the website and the new website service provider, Caorda. The current website needs to be rebuilt as it is fragile and at risk. Lothar is prepared to rebuild it with a slightly different look but with the same content. He would like to hear from the members how the website is working for us and any ideas and/or changes we would like to see. Members can connect directly with Lothar. website@bc yukon-al-anon.org

Tradition 7 Patty announced the total collected was \$1505.65.

Delegate's Report Owen thanked everyone for trusting him in this position and gave us an informative and interesting report on his attendance at the 63rd World Service Conference in Virginia Beach, complete with slides and pictures. He covered financial information, new projects, completed projects among the many interesting and ongoing discussions happening at the World Service Conference. He let us know that we have a committee of members in our Area working on a bid to host the 2025 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect! His full report, minus the pictures, is available on the BC/Yukon AI-Anon website.

LUNCH

Saturday afternoon September 23/2023

In planning for the end of the 2021 motion that accepted hybrid meetings on a trial basis, ("Accept the recommendations of the Task Force for a trial period of three years with respect to the AWSCM and Assembly to: 1. Hold hybrid Area events on a Zoom platform; 2. Rent additional required audio/visual equipment; and 3. Create two new service positions."), Patty announced that in order to determine what

the members want, a fillable survey will be posted on the website to gather information from members about hybrid Assembly and AWSCM meetings.

Roll Call by Sarah O - Total of 83 GR's present online and in person for voting.

International Convention Report Cindy H attended the International Al-Anon Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico with some other BC/Yukon members and she presented a fun PowerPoint (put together by Susan C) of their experience.

Recommendation from Past Delegate Thought Force Gail S reviewed the recommended motion and presented a suggestion for amendment after hearing concerns from members. After much discussion it was decided not to proceed with the recommendation from the thought force and continue with the current motion on the books from 1970 "that in order to utilize the experience of all Past Delegates from the BC Area, be it resolved that these members be asked to serve Assembly in an advisory capacity."

BREAK

Diversity Workshop Owen led a workshop on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and groups shared the various points that came up with the breakout discussions. A summary of these will be posted in the Bulletin.

Election Of Officers Patty polled eligible District Representatives (DR's) for interest in the Treasurer and Secretary positions.

-**Audrey P (D2)** was the only person to stand for Treasurer and her resume which was previously posted on the Website, was also shared on screen. She spoke to the members about her interest and qualifications.

-**Deborah B (D10)** put her resume forward last night for Secretary and it was shared on screen for viewing. Deborah spoke about her reasons for wanting to serve and her qualifications.

Patty explained the 'no candidate option' and votes by ballot were held.

Congratulations to our new incoming Treasurer, Audrey and our new incoming Secretary, Deborah!

Motion to destroy the ballots made by Naomi (D20) and seconded by Sandy (D27). **Carried**

GR Break Out Strategizing Session A humorous skit about a Bad Group Business Meeting was performed by District 15 members and was followed by breakout groups where the Taking a Group Inventory guideline (G8-a) was used to identify things that could be done differently and then presented.

AFG Copyright and Trademark Protection Donna presented a very informative WSO PowerPoint about our copyright and trademark protections and what that means, why it's important to Al-Anon and our Conference Approved Literature, what constitutes a violation, the impacts of violation, permissions from WSO and other important information. Donna provided a list of resources that are helpful when seeking information and guidance and would be happy to hear from anyone with questions. She also noted that members may be interested in viewing the "Protect Al-Anon's Name" section of the 2021 World Service Office annual Report, available on pgs. 103-104 of the 2022 World Service Conference Summary. (found on the www.al-anon.org website).

Raffle Our Literature Coordinator held a raffle for the new reader, 'A Little Time for Myself', and the winner was Brenda M (D15).

Proposed Update to 2022 motion ‘

“To accept the suggestions of the PEG Task Force including the structures, policies, and procedures for a 2-year trial period”. Nancy gave the background explanation to this housekeeping item and the need to make another motion stating that we accept Electronic Groups into the BC/Yukon Area, retroactive to Sept 2022, and asked for a GR to bring a motion to the floor after the dinner break.

Area contributions to Central Services for Archive space. Patty explained the background information and asked for a GR to bring a motion to the floor after the dinner break.

DINNER

Saturday evening September 23/2023

Patty began with a moment of Silence and the Al-Anon Declaration.

Housekeeping and Updating of Motions- background information reviewed.

Motion made by Michelle W (GR D15) and seconded by Marcy J (D33): “Move to accept Electronic Groups into the BC/Yukon Area, retroactive to Sept 2022.” **Carried**

Motion- made by Ray A (D15), seconded by Naomi P (D20): “Move that in keeping with Tradition 7, the BC/Yukon Assembly be self-supporting by making donations, in lieu of rent, to the Al-Anon Central Services Society for housing the Archives, the amount to be 10% of the annual rent each year for storage of the BC/Yukon Archives.” **Carried** (overrides 1999 motion)

Motion made by Naomi P (D20) and seconded by Jim S (D2):” Move that all Officers at Assembly, Coordinators or Alternate Coordinators and AIS/LDC Liaisons be reimbursed for travel expenses at the most practical and economical means, double rate accommodation and up to \$75 per day for meals for up to 4 meetings per year: AWSCM, Assembly and 2 other meetings as called.” **Carried** (overrides 2017 motion)

Motion made by Jan (D4) and seconded by Jody F (D10): “Move that the BC/Yukon Area Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service recertification process be completed and submitted to the Alateen Coordinator by April 1st each year.” **Carried**

A discussion to change where the Finance committee members are chosen from Al-Anon members with service experience as well as knowledge of basic bookkeeping practices, to the current slate of Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons, resulted in no change to the current 2022 motion.

BREAK

Alateen Public Outreach Skit - Michelle W (Alateen), Gail S (Public Outreach) and other members provided us with a very entertaining skit that brought many needed laughs.

Hosting AWSCM- Ally G talked about the process and what is needed for hosting. She and Dennis put together an updated template/worksheet for hosting AWSCM (available on the website) after their experience hosting in May this year in Victoria.

We currently have no bids for AWSCM 2024, but she stressed that the process needs to be started early to secure a meeting location, accommodation etc. and have the information ready in February to put in the March Bulletin (deadline Feb 15).

AWSCM 2024 dates May 24-26, 2024

Spiritual Meeting at 9am in the Magnolia Room at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel.

Meeting closed at 8:25pm with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Prepared respectfully by Shannon P (Acting Secretary) D15