

**AGENDA Utah AWSC Meeting
January 21, 2017
(Minutes taken by Michelle G.)**

In attendance: Patrick, Tiffany, Bob, Kevin, Beverly, Michelle, Jason, Nancy, Robert, Jacklyn, Cory, Shaunna, Celestia, Dawn.

Serenity Prayer: Beverly **Tradition Two:** Michelle **Concept Two:** Jason

Our visions (continued):Dawn (public outreach):Liaison between WSO and district public outreach people. Want to be support to people at the district. Focus on connecting with AA more. Include Alateens more. Public Outreach is connecting the whole family who is affected by the disease of alcoholism. Plan to show up for you however you need. Have an awesome committee.

Cory (Group Records): Sick today. Want to keep doing what's working. Update group information at a local level so our schedules are right.Making sure WSO records are as current as possible.

(Patrick): How are we keeping website meeting schedules updated. Hoping Cory and Jason can address how we can make sure that's getting done.

District 8 meeting schedule is not currently on website. Can Shaunna and Jason get together on that?

(Jason, Web Coordinator): Just need the updated info when something changes. Can post ASAP. If that doesn't happen, then please follow-up with him. Perhaps a regular reconciliation to confirm the schedules are accurate? Probably this should come from the District Rep.

We have a June schedule for District 8. But we don't have a section on the site from District 8 in terms of minutes.

(Shaunna): There is one additional meeting. Will get that info to Jason.

Jacklyn (Archives): Goal to make Archives more organized. Working on a check out log so we can track who has what checked out and where it belongs when it is returned. See the Archives growing. Aspire to be as organized as Norma so it can be accessible!

(Patrick): Guidelines committee making a Guideline for the Archives. A Task Force is in place to make a plan to digitize the Archives.

(Bob): Working on digitizing the Archives with anonymity?

(Patrick): Yes. There are a few documents that can be accessed through the website. These have been redacted. This is one of the big challenges. The Archives are filled with people's last names, addresses, and phone numbers. It will take a lot of work to digitalize.

(Jacklyn): Unless it's put in a secure place not available to anyone outside of Al-Anon.

Beverly (AAPP): Working to understand how the Alateen groups are working. Don't have the AAPP database yet. Want to understand who are AMIAS. WSO call is next weekend. Working on getting my own AMIAS. Watching home group work to get Alateen started is interesting. Want to inspire people to be AMIAS and see what problems are, why people dropout of being AMIAS. How we can keep people involved?

(Patrick): One of my goals is to become AMIAS this year.

Robert (District 1): To help promote healthy communications between the district, the AIC, the Area, and the WSO. In order to do that, my goal is to be very receptive to the groups' needs and pass on the information the best way I can, both ways. Also, to help people understand what AMIAS is and how to become a sponsor, and how you can serve without becoming a sponsor. To have healthy groups with healthy communication outside of the groups, and healthy communications with the Area and the WSO.

(Nancy): Compliments on the planning of the workshop that was canceled today. It looks great,

(Robert): We will reschedule that probably for the end of February at the next district meeting.

Shaunna (District 8): How can we help Al-Anon to grow more in Southern Utah, primarily through public outreach and the support of an Alateen program in Southern Utah? Looking to have a stronger presence in our community. Our new public outreach person is Heather.

Nancy (Delegate): A lot of thinking outside the box. Regularly scheduled conference calls open to the entire fellowship so I will know what they're thinking on different issues and so I can share everything I'm learning. I have a WSO mentor from New York. Preparing for SWRDM in March. Preparing for WSC in April. Presenting the bid for the 2023 International Conference. Next Saturday at 8:30 at this same number will share vision. Going to submit AMIAS application. Important that we communicate more frequently and have an ongoing communication from the Delegate to the committee and all of the groups and the members. Our Members: Our Hope For The Future is WSC theme. Want to improve communication statewide. Goal of attending many of the meetings statewide. Want us to consider having an Area-wide meeting schedule so we don't overbook each other and spread events out more.

(Michelle): How are we disseminating the information that there are conference calls with the Delegate.

(Nancy): This first one is word of mouth (emailed over 100 people). Will make flyer to pass around for the future ones on a regular schedule. Last Saturday of odd months. Will hold them for at least this first year on that schedule unless the membership feels it should be more or less often. Want to have a really good feel what UT members want, need, think. Schedule will be put on the website.

Anticipating Spring Assembly (Robert)

Preparation is going well. We have all the major stuff done. Kayla is doing an amazing job chairing. Registrations are on the website and coming in. We have another meeting soon (February).

(Patrick): WSO wants us to develop the business agenda. In the past that has been done about one month prior to the Assembly. Each of you think about whether or not you would like some time on the agenda. Send an email to Patrick about what you want to do and how much time you might need. Patrick will make a proposed agenda and send out to committee for approval.

One goal is to make assemblies even more attractive to our membership than they've been before. One idea is to make sure we have at least two skits. Another is to have interest tracts. So maybe there are two or three activities happening at the same time that attendees could choose from.

This would solve some of our time constraint problems. We could use Friday night time. In the past AWSC meeting has happened at the time. We might consider that again to put us together in person at least twice per year. Send any ideas you have to make agenda more attractive to members by email to me.

(Dawn, question for Robert): How much space is available for the meeting?

(Robert): Room count is 65. Alateen room is 35 I believe.

A conversation about Delegate's Day (Nancy)

Delegate's Day is not well attended, and the Delegate's report is really good. I would love to entertain multiple ideas on how to change that. Perhaps we could change the guideline to allow the Delegate more say in how to disseminate the Delegate's report, for example traveling to different locations in the state to give the report, so more people can hear it. Guidelines are almost like a budget. They should be flexible and fluid as the people they serve.

There are enough locations we have to travel to. These are one day meetings. It would cut the cost of transportation. I don't want to horde the information I gain. I want you the have the opportunity to have it also.

We're going to talk about the prayer at the end of the Just For Today bookmark, for example. I'd love to have a better conversation about that.

Conference call, article in the Forum, a section on the website. I want to do that and receive feedback.

(Patrick): I have studied the guidelines and the service manual. The Delegate may present the report in as many locations as he/she wishes. Even at group meetings if invited.

At the same time, our guidelines and the service manual, the Delegate gives the report to AWSC, GRs, and interested AI-Anon members. We have four meetings: Assemblies (2), Delegate's day, and AWSC meetings. So one of the Delegate's report meetings has to have the full spectrum of Delegate's Day attendees invited.

We get guidelines as a result of the GRs speaking their will for their groups. Same as WSC speaking groups through the Delegates. We can change it by presenting it back to the groups at Assembly. But I don't think we can say we aren't going to follow the Guidelines without the vote of the GRs.

(Beverly): I like that idea. Is it possible to do a meeting with the bulk of the population and then one north and one south. Just three meetings.

It's nice to be able to get together (the largest number of people) on one day. It needs to be a little more central with an effort to go down South so we have more people coming together.

(Jacklyn): That was the purpose of having it in Richfield to begin with because it's more central. How often do we have assemblies in large population centers so people from outlying areas have to travel to attend. This was an opportunity for outlying members to not have to travel so far with such expense.

(Shaunna): Regarding Richfield and Southern Utah, maybe moving a tiny bit further north. It's 3 hours to the Nephi area. Maybe every other year it could be held in Southern UT. Perhaps Kanab.

(Kevin): The guideline were written in response to what the Area and local groups wanted to see take place. That was meeting to somewhere you could drive, whether you wanted to stay the night was your choice. More participation would be great. The way we get more participation is to talk about the joys of what we find there. Invite people. We can't just arbitrarily cancel that day because it's important to hear it in one central location, and it's important for the Delegate to share those experiences. I've been to all but one. Got more out of it than the inconvenience. We've tried Provo, and it was the worst attended. Richfield was decided on because it is centrally located. Is there another possible location? Maybe. It comes down to the host committee. We used to meet four times a year. Now we meet three times a year. I think it would go in the wrong direction to not have it.

(Nancy): I would like to see Delegate's Day expanded not done away with.

(Cory): Question for Patrick. WSC takes place in April. When are the summaries published.

We don't have nearly enough time to take 7 days and get it into four hours. The Delegate presents the main stuff, things the Area needs, things important to them. What if we could read the summary first, and then come and talk about that with everybody educated with what happened.

(Patrick): Late July/early Aug for electronic. Hard copies in late Aug/early Sept.

(Dawn): It seems we are talking about Area level vs. District level.

(Kevin): Nancy is not looking to do away with Delegate's Day. Maybe we don't need this discussion but to help Districts make a plan that would be beneficial to the individual districts to invite the Delegate to make that report.

(Nancy): Regional Delegate's Day so more attendance can occur. How do we get more people to come to a delegate's day report regardless of whether it's held in conjunction with a district.

(Kevin): We will never be able to get all the information to everyone until they make the decision that this is really what they want in their lives. We see better participation then. We can keep inviting. More meetings doesn't necessarily make it better.

(Patrick): This conversation seems right on, but it's the GRs who need to have this conversation. They have already set Guidelines that we want to have three area meetings, one of them being Delegate's Day. If we want to change that, it needs to come from the GRs through the KBDM process and voted on at an Assembly. What do we do this year? We have to follow our guidelines this year. We can talk about this in the Spring. Michelle needs to start planning now. Where and when are we going to have the guidelines mandated Delegate's Day for 2017.

(Jacklyn): We need to have a discussion in the Spring about Delegate's Day and the information that comes from the Delegate. We need to talk about how good it is.

(Michelle): time, location for Delegate's Day?

(Patrick): Location TBD at previous Fall Assembly. That did not happen. It was traditionally followed that it is in Richfield. We've never actually decided it at the Fall assembly. I think we should allow the host committee run with it (chaired by the alternate delegate). I propose we place our faith and trust in Michelle to pick a good location for Delegate's Day. It is supposed to occur on the 3rd weekend on June. But the guidelines also give the AWSC the option to change that. In the past we have changed it (because it was conflicting with Father's Day). For the last 4 years or so we've had it on the second weekend. Vote on Date Michelle run with location as host committee chair If Delegate wants to change the way we do Delegate's Day, let's have a conversation with the GRs at the Assembly.

(Cory): UTAC is the 2nd weekend in June.

(Patrick): Have Michelle pick a date and location consistent with what was discussed today.

It unanimously passed.

Sorry we went over time.

When shall we meet next?

Email Patrick with how often we should meet. I think it should be a regular schedule. It can be anything. Just email whatever you think.

(Dawn): Double check role call. Taking the notes for Elaine. Elaine, Mikel, Sheldon, Chris, Louanne...all not here.

Closing (Patrick):

Appreciate your input. This is a great group.

AI-Anon Declaration: Kevin