

**Area 55 Spring Assembly
March 18, 2017
Logan, Utah
Panel 57**

In attendance: Area: Nancy W – Delegate, Michelle G - Alternate Delegate, Patrick M – Area Chair, Cory O - Group Records, Kevin B – Treasurer, Sheldon W - Alateen Coordinator, Beverly J – Alateen Process Person, Jacklyn J – Archives Coordinator, Bob H – Forum Coordinator, Chris S – Guidelines Coordinator, Tiffany M – Literature Coordinator, Dawn M – Public Outreach Coordinator, Dave B – AAIS Coordinator, Stanna B – AAIS, Jason C – Website Coordinator, Mary Y – Past Delegate, and June T. District 1: Robert D – DR, Kayla O – District Secretary, Lisa K – District Treasurer, Jeff K – Courage to Change GR, Chris C – Tri-C GR, Sheldon W – CALM GR, John M – Letting Go in Logan GR, Cory O – Speaker Meeting GR, Serenity Here We Are GR, Hope at High Noon GR, Beth – Sunday 4 Serenity GR, Matt B – Live & Let Live GR, and Janet V – Public Outreach Coordinator. District 3: Celestia G – DR, Talon G, Lori – Begin Here Inventory GR, Darla K – Step by Step GR, Tonya – Sandy GR, Paul – Living & Learning GR, Gale – Is AFG for You GR, Tracy – District 3 Schedule Coordinator and Wednesday Nite Lost & Found GR, Charlie – AFG101 & Beyond GR, Bob – Wednesday Serenity Seekers GR, Lynette – Friday Night Serenity GR. District 6: Lou Ann – DR, Spring – Wednesday Night Orem GR. District 8: Patrica – Parowan GR, Tamara – Tuesday Night GR, Gail – Monday Night GR. District 9: Jacque – New Beginnings GR, Chrissy A.

Note on Reports: Anyone making a report to the assembly was asked to submit a written copy. Where available, they are attached to these minutes.

Workshops: Prior to the opening of the assembly, 3 workshops were available: 1) Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM), 2) AI-Anon Acronyms Old and New, and 3) Links of Service (in Spanish).

Traditions: Denise L., **Concepts:** Dave B.

Nancy's theme: "We Can Do Hard Things"

Alternate Delegate, Michelle: Reminded everyone that only GRs have a vote at this conference. She introduced the 2017 Delegate's Day, coming June 3, 2017. They need GR volunteers for the host committee. Her goal is to connect with all GRs and DRs this weekend. She has GR training packets available. She reviewed the Rules of the Conference.

Forum Coordinator, Bob: Suggested groups pass a subscription can to help boost Forum subscriptions. He plans to throw a writing workshop at Fall Assembly.

Alanews, Mikel: Mikel was unable to attend the assembly and sent in a written report later.

Literature Coordinator, Tiffany: She has the new Paths to Recovery workbook. It has all the questions from the book, along with space to write your answers. They are \$10 each. So with the \$19 Paths to Recovery book, the cost would be \$29 (\$19+\$10).

Breakout Sessions: Attendees broke into groups by the service positions they held: 1) GR Training, 2) DR Caucus, 3) Past Delegate Meeting, 4) Spanish Focus (in Spanish), 5) Alateen Focus, and 6) Writing Workshop.

District Rep Breakout Session: Patrick asked the district reps for their vision going forward to interface between the groups and the Area.

1. Robert (District 1): He will carry information for the Area to the Groups and be their voice at the Area meetings. He wants to carry the facts, not his opinion. He will remember that he doesn't have a vote at district meetings.
2. Celestia (District 3): She is in the process of cleaning up records, keeping schedules current, and making sure the groups are healthy.
3. Patrick (Area Chair): He'd like to see joint district meetings, publicizing events statewide and each district maintaining its own web page.
4. Lou Ann (District 6): Twice a year their district tries to have a get together for ALL members to gather and fellowship.

Guidelines Committee Report, Chris S: The committee presented the draft of the first archives guideline. They tried to make it broad but the assembly felt they wanted a more detailed outline of what was to be saved. The security section was considered to complicated and Mary Y suggested we model the security after what is used by WSO. File types and naming conventions will need to be coordinated with the archive task force and web committee so that everything works in tandem. The committee will go back with the discussion recommendations and draft a more final product for Fall Assembly.

District Reports:

1. **District 1, Robert:** They have 12 Al-Anon group and 3 Alateen groups. They lost one of their Sunday night groups due to safety issues. They have an awesome public outreach team and good participation by members so are hopeful that they are attracting new members.
2. District 3, Celestia: No report submitted.
3. **District 6, Lou Ann:** They have 6 active groups with a new one on Sunday in Provo. They are trying to get people AMIAS trained so they can have an Alateen meeting in Utah County. They are also doing a lot of public outreach using the *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* magazines.
4. District 8: No report submitted.

Delegate's Report, Nancy: St Francis Prayer on the back of the ODAT bookmark is up for discussion again at this year's WSC as to whether or not it should be removed. She mentioned attending Winterfest in St. George and SWRDM in Colorado and hopes to attend PRAASA next year in Sparks, Nevada. Paper copies of new service manuals and conference summaries will no longer be free to the individual groups but they are available for free online.

SWRDM Report, Patrick: The new panel of the Area World Service Committee has already met four times since the elections. The collective vision for the group is encouraging area growth and offering plenty of opportunities for fellowship and fun. We'd like to express gratitude to Kayla and her planning committee for doing such a good job of organizing the spring assembly. New this year on the agenda is the inclusion of workshop choices, two activities for Spanish speaking members, changes to GR training, which we now want to call "development," and the opportunity to chat informally with the Delegate.

Alateen Report, Rebecca: She presented Hannah, their Alateen speaker, who shared her story. Rebecca also announced the Utah Alateen Conference (UTAC) weekend, coming the 2nd weekend in June. Registration will be \$100 per kid.

Alateen Coordinator Report, Sheldon: No report.

Alateen Process Person, Beverly: There are 35 active AMIAS, with 5 new applications in this weekend. The deadline for recertification is June 1st in our area. Beverly reviewed the requirements for becoming AMIAS.

AAIS Report, Dave: They have had some changes in membership and are doing well. He thanked the entities who donated for helping them keep the doors open and reminded us that the annual chili dinner fund raiser will be happening April 8th.

Treasurer Report, Kevin: So far this year, donations are up 9% over last year. He reminded us to write our group name or number on the checks when making donations so he knows where to give credit.

Archives Task Force Report, Chris C: Reviewed the types of files we should be saving and documents should be saved as .pdf and pictures as .jpg. Files should be saved to cloud synchronized storage so that there is backup. The archive coordinator should form a committee to start deciding how to organize and scan the paper documents and also how to keep things going forward, working closely with the guidelines committee to decide what should be kept.

Public Outreach Report, Dawn: Dawn is excited about her new position and would like to reach out to the districts and groups to help them in finding new ways of doing public outreach.

Registration Coordinator, Cory: She has her computer set up in the back of the room. You can check with her to see if your group's contact info is correct. She is also working to update Alateen and Spanish meetings.

Website Coordinator Report, Jason: Jason asked what things folks would like to see on the website. The number 1 request was the ability to register for Al-Anon events online using PayPal. As ideas were tossed out, they were displayed on the screen in a Word document, which was saved and is attached with the assembly reports.

Planning ahead: The next assembly will be in the Fall at the Sons of the Utah Pioneer in Midvale. Since Al-Anon will be holding Fall Assemblies in cooperation with AA, the 2018 assembly will probably be

somewhere south of 2100 South in Salt Lake. No decision was made about where Al-Anon would hold the 2018 Spring Assembly.