

Utah Al-Anon Fall Assembly

September 22-24, 2023

Millcreek, UT

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NOTES FOR GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

FALL ASSEMBLY VOTING

At the 2023 Al-Anon fall assembly the Group Representatives (GRs) will vote (as they do every Fall Assembly per our *Utah Area Budget and Reimbursement Guideline*) on whether or not to send the current Utah Area Chair to the Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting (SWRDM) in March of 2024. This expense is on the proposed budget for \$942.50. The 2024 Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting (SWRDM) takes place in Southern California.

Things to know about SWRDM:

- The purpose of SWRDM is to bring together the delegates of the Southwest Region, preceding the World Service Conference each year to:
 1. Welcome and support the new delegates,
 2. Provide current delegates an opportunity to share conference practices and procedures,
 3. Keep the past and current delegates in the Southwest Region connected, involved, and informed,
 4. Receive a report from the Southwest Regional Trustee.
- Who has vote at SWRDM: all current and past delegates, all current and past trustees from the Southwest Region, and past delegates and trustees, who have permanently moved into the Southwest Region, provided that they are not voting members in another region.
- Who has voice at SWRDM: all voting members of SWRDM, current Alternate Delegates and current Area Chairs of the Southwest Region have voice in the general sessions.
- It is possible that a vote taken at SWRDM might affect the Utah Area.
- Regions are *not* included in the links of service in the Al-Anon Service Manual.
- Regions, and their significance/importance, *are* mentioned in Conference Approved Literature.
- For more information see the *SWRDM Report* found on the Utah Area Website (utah-alanon.org). Look under Events, Spring Assembly March 17-19, 2023, read more, scroll down.

At the 2023 Utah Al-Anon Spring Assembly a task force was formed to review the Area's policies and procedures surrounding the Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting. Unfortunately, the list of volunteers for the task force committee was lost. The SWRDM Task Force will be re-formed at the 2023 Fall Assembly. The task force will be asked to present its findings at the 2024 Utah Area Spring Assembly.

The charge for this task force will be:

Using the information provided by the Utah Area SWRDM Thought Force, propose the best practices for moving forward as a member of the Southwest Region. This proposal should include, but not be limited to, who to send to SWRDM, and how often, how to budget for SWRDM, and suggestions on hosting SWRDM every eight years. This Task Force may also want to consider how to approach decisions made at SWRDM that affect the Utah Area.

The Utah Area's GRs will vote whether to send the World Service Organization of Al-Anon (WSO) the full expense or the equalized expense to send the Utah Delegate to the 2024 World Service Conference (WSC). The full expense for the 2024 WSC is \$2527.68, and the equalized expense is \$1769.00. In addition to the payment to WSO, Utah Area also pays the Delegate for an additional night at the hotel and any incidentals or meals. The current Utah budget guidelines show this amount as \$200. A vote was taken to increase this to \$300; the guidelines will be updated. The additional \$300 makes the full amount to send the delegate to WSC \$2827.68 and the equalized amount \$2069.00.

"The Delegate's Equalized Expense is calculated by dividing the full amount for Delegates to attend Conference by the number of Delegates. The full amount is the total estimated travel, hotel, meal, and incidental expenses for the Delegates, including their portion of the cost of Conference supplies." (P.169 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual)

If you would like to know more about the full and equalized amounts, please refer to pages 168 – 169 in the current service manual.

The proposed Utah Area 2024 budget has been posted on the Utah Al-Anon website. Please review the proposed budget and prepare any questions you may have for the Utah Area Treasurer (you can also email any questions to treasurer@utah-alanon.org before the Fall Assembly). The Group Representatives will be asked to vote to approve the proposed budget at the Fall Assembly. The two items mentioned above (vote to send the Area Chair to SWRDM and paying for the Delegate to attend WSC) are part of this budget and will be voted on after the budget has been presented and discussed. There are two other items listed on the budget as related voting items. The first is sending a \$250 donation to WSO. The second is a possible vote to purchase equipment that will enable the Utah Area to provide a better experience not only for those attending Assemblies in person but also for those attending on Zoom. There will be a vote to donate to WSO, but after much thought, we have decided that there will not be a vote at the 2023 Fall Assembly to purchase equipment. Instead, there will be a brief discussion about technology and how the Utah Area would like to move forward with having hybrid assemblies. After this discussion, we will ask for volunteers for a thought force. The charge for this thought force will be:

Using Al-Anon Knowledge Based Decision Making, review options for the Utah Area to embrace technology moving forward. Some things to think about are: Will Utah Assemblies always be hybrid? What are the pros and cons of hybrid assemblies? What are the pros and cons of new equipment?

CALL FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO EXISTING COMMITTEES

The Electronic Groups (EG) Task Force met September 10, 2023 and was able to put together procedures to accept EGs into the Utah Area. The task force will be presenting its findings Friday evening. There will be time for discussion after the presentation. On Saturday, during the Assembly, a vote will be taken on accepting the procedures. The text of the updated document will be on the Utah Area website.

As many know, UTAC (Utah Alateen Convention) was cancelled this year due to weather, but reservations have already been made for next year! The UTAC Committee needs additional members to not only help organize the event, but also to review, discuss, and revise (if necessary) the UTAC Guidelines.

On Saturday we will call for volunteers for both the EG Task Force and the UTAC Committee. If you have questions send them to chair@utah-alanon.org. If you are interested in being part of either

committee, but cannot attend the Fall Assembly, give your Group Representative your contact information and you will be added to the list.

GUIDELINES COORDINATOR

Utah Area Guidelines Coordinator position is open. The position description can be found on Utah-Alanon.org under members/guidelines. All present or past members of the AWSC, Group Representatives, or interested active Al-Anon members with at least 1 year of active membership are eligible to stand for the Guidelines Coordinator position. Elections will take place at the Fall Assembly. If you are willing to stand for the position, but cannot attend the Fall Assembly, please send a “Letter of Intent,” by email to the Area Chair – chair@utah-alanon.org.

With Gratitude,
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Utah Chair Panel 63