

BC/Yukon Assembly

What is it?

BC/Yukon Assembly is held once per year at the end of September. The 3 main goals are:

1. Your voice is heard: This is a meeting where the voices of the groups from the BC/Yukon are heard through representation by your Group Representative. (1 group = 1 vote) Your “trusted servants” rely on the discussion and voting at Assembly to guide the actions of Al-Anon and Alateen in our area as well as world-wide.
2. Delegate report from WSO: The BC/Yukon Delegate brings a report from his/her attendance at the World Service Conference which is held each April at Al-Anon headquarters in Virginia Beach. The report will inform the members of the activities of the World Service Office on behalf of the members worldwide. It is also an opportunity for the delegate to forward BC/Yukon member’s input into World Service Office activities.
3. Voting for BC/Yukon officers and trustees (when indicated). The area officers include Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Who attends?

While all Al-Anon and Alateen members are welcome to attend, all Group Representatives are asked to attend in order to vote on behalf of their group. Only Group Representatives vote at Assembly. This is how the members of each group guide the actions of Al-Anon and Alateen.

How does the Group Representative prepare for Assembly?

Group representatives are asked to read the agenda and background information that is available in the BC/Yukon Bulletin by August 1st. Any additional information may also be included in the September BC/Yukon Bulletin. Group Representatives present the information to their group and ask for guidance from the group members on how best to represent them on each of the issues up for discussion and vote.

How are expenses paid?

Group funds should be made available to pay for the Group Representative’s attendance at the BC/Yukon Assembly. Expenses include travel, hotel and meals. It is recommended that Group Representatives travel together whenever possible and share a hotel room to minimize the cost to their group. In cases where the group cannot afford to pay all costs, a representative from the group can contact the Area Treasurer to request financial assistance. For planning and budgeting purposes, the Area Treasurer asks that requests be submitted at least one month prior to Assembly.

For more general information, please refer to the service manual.