

2022 Area World Service Committee Hybrid Meeting BC/Yukon

Salmon Arm BC

May 27-29, 2022

“Enhancing Our Recovery Through Abundance, Unity and Understanding”

Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons in attendance

Shannon Patrick (D15) Chair

Owen Hughes (D01) Delegate

Nancy Matthewscyr (D18) Alternate Delegate

Ann Ahearn (D09) Secretary

Janis Armit (D10) Treasurer

Gail Schuler (D10) Public Outreach Coordinator

Michelle Westwood (D15) Alateen Coordinator

Audrey Erickson (D16) Literature Coordinator

Sarah Ormond (D10) Group Records Coordinator

Jean Hopley (D27) Bulletin Coordinator

Akemi Morris (D05) Hybrid Meeting Event Coordinator

Ernie Webber (D18) Hybrid Meeting Equipment Coordinator

Lynne Gaster (D08) Central Service Office Chair

Amy Gillard (D17) Victoria AIS Chair

Regrets: Annette Palmer (D26) Webmaster, Patty Takacs (D14) Website Coordinator

Friday Evening May 27, 2022

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. Shannon thanked everyone for their hard work in putting the AWSCM together. District 20 was thanked for finding our venue, and Janis A. (D10), Lois K. (D25) and Nancy M. (D18) for checking out other venues.

Shannon read the Al-Anon Welcome and the Preamble to the Twelve Steps. Elke H. (D09) read the Traditions and Lynne G. (D08) the Concepts.

Akemi did a short virtual tour of our meeting room for the members attending virtually.

Shannon read a short excerpt from our Service Manual; 2018-2021 (Pg 41&42) regarding Anonymity.

Shannon noted that D20 would be bringing breakfast for us at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

Past Delegates Janis A. (D10), Lynn B. (D32), Lois K. (D25) and Shirley T. (D05) were recognized.

The Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons were introduced.

Shannon welcomed the DRs in attendance and virtually.

The Goals and the purpose of AWSCM were read by Shannon.

The voting process and procedures were explained; 2/3 majority will prevail.

DR Orientation- Nancy M: 'Ermagarde carries the Envelope' was the name of Nancy's DR Orientation. It was very informative and entertaining. Relatable and enjoyed by all.

3rd Year DR Reports- Donna H. (D06), Lynne G. (D08)

Shannon paused the reports to introduce Sarah O. (D10) Group Record Coordinator who joined us virtually, and it was also noted that Patty T (D14) Website Coordinator and Annette P. (D26) Webmaster were unable to join us this weekend.

3rd Year DR Reports- Bill D (D13)

Early Bird Meeting- Shannon announced there would be an Early Bird meeting at 8:00am the next morning. Cindy H. (D10) volunteered to chair. Same zoom link as the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:31pm with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Saturday Morning, May 28,2022

Shannon opened the meeting at 9:00a.m. It was announced that Annette P. (D26) Webmaster, Patty T. (14) Website Coordinator and Loreen D (D25) a past Chair, are not able to join the meeting today.

Shannon welcomed the DRs and reminded them they are a valuable link of service for Al-Anon.

We paused for a moment of silence and brought to mind the members who have passed away. We followed with the Serenity Prayer.

Shannon read the Al-Anon welcome and the Preamble to the Twelve Steps.

Elke H (D09) read the Traditions and Lynne G (D08) read the Concepts.

Akemi did a short virtual tour of our meeting room for our members attending virtually.

Shannon read a short excerpt from our Service Manual; 2018-2021 (Pg 41&42) regarding Anonymity.

Shannon introduced our 1st year DRs; Ria V. (D20), Elke H. (D09), Leslie G. (D15) and Satish M. (D27).

Evaluation Forms are available to those in the room. Members attending online will receive an evaluation form at the end of the meeting. The 'Ask It Basket' is available in the room and members online can post their questions into the online chat. Akemi will compile and pass them onto the Chair.

Tradition 7 envelopes are available for members in the room and online members can e-transfer to our treasurer Janis at treasurer@bcyukon-al-anon.org . Akemi will put the info into the chat.

Shannon thanked Ria V. and her District 20 for helping us find the venue for our meeting and for the trays of fruit and baked goods they provided. Akemi M. (D05) and Ernie W. (D18) were thanked for all they have done to hold a successful Hybrid meeting. Outstanding job.

Schedule of Elections and Appointments: Shannon announced that at the Officer, Coordinator and Liaison meeting yesterday afternoon, it was discussed to move the new term for Public Outreach to start January 2024. There are 7 positions to start new in January 2025, so taking one out will be helpful. This will be brought to Assembly for ratification by the GRs.

Introductions of Officers, Coordinators and Liaisons:

Delegate Owen H. – Thrilled to be here and humbled to be entrusted in this position. He will be presenting his report later this morning.

Alternate Delegate Nancy M. – not too much Alt. Delegate work at the moment, communicating with Owen who has been keeping her in the loop with WSC. Her goals are to improve the links of service with the DRs and GRs with WSO. 1st AWSCM as Alternate Delegate, still a learning curve, enjoying the hugs and meeting face to face and also glad that we can meet on zoom, or screen to screen. Looking forward to working through the goals of AWSCM, creating harmony and unity as we work out our business together.

Secretary Ann A. – was a bit nervous for the meeting face to face meeting and trying to take the minutes, knows in Al-Anon that we are never alone and there is acceptance even if we make a mistake. This is her last year so encouraged anyone who was interested in getting into service to apply for the position, it has helped her grow as a person, learned new things, really enjoyed the experience.

Treasurer Janis A. – this is her first face to face meeting in a long time, thanked everyone for their support and will give her report later this morning. Janis is a Past Delegate and served on Panel 56. She said it was an amazing experience.

Bulletin Coordinator Jean H. – in her 2nd year as Bulletin Editor, a gift from retirement. She received encouragement from her Service Sponsor Nancy M. (who is no longer with us) who said she could do the job. There are 14 subscriptions mailed out, and once all the editing is done Jean sends the Bulletin to Patty who puts it on our website. Jean said the position is an enriching experience that she is enjoying.

Public Outreach Coordinator Gail S. – in her 2nd year as Public Outreach, everything is going well, they have a great committee who meets once a month on zoom. Gail has a presentation to share later today, the presentation is for the DRs and GRs to share with their groups. Gail thanked everyone for their support and also expressed how nice it was to meet face to face.

Hybrid Meeting Event Coordinator Akemi M. – so happy to be here, she has had some busy weeks getting ready for this weekend. Is glad that we have acceptance and compassion in Al-Anon in case there are glitches this weekend. She is working on herself, that it is ok not to be perfect. So glad that we can meet together on zoom and face to face.

Hybrid Meeting Equipment Coordinator Ernie W. – he is recently retired and when the opportunity for the position came up, he thought about all the gifts that he has received through Al-Anon and is glad to be able to give back. He is happy everything is working well today with the sound equipment.

Central Service Office Chair Lynne G.- Central Service Office is a legal entity, a Non- Profit Society because of the volume of literature they sell. The office is well stocked with literature, Cynthia Y. is a paid employee and is there to answer the call of a newcomer and other questions or concerns. Besides the literature depots in Victoria, Kelowna, and Pr. George the office services all of B.C. Lynne added later that in our Service Manual it is suggested that the Alternate GRs attend the Committee meetings at Central Service Office, encouraged DRs to take this back to the GRs and the groups. The office is working on sending invitations out to all the GRs prior to the meetings.

Victoria AIS Chair Amy G. – sends greetings from Victoria, things are going very well, they have a great team. The office is open Wednesday from 10-12, they offer support through emails and phone calls when the office is not open. Amy thanked Sarah O., Group Records Coordinator for keeping them up to date on meetings changes. They are looking forward to opening up the office soon but are not sure what that will look like just yet.

Alateen Coordinator Michelle W. – so glad to be here at the meeting and that we are able to meet face to face and also have the option of joining virtually. Thanked everyone for their support and will have a report for us later in the day.

Literature Coordinator Audrey E. – finishing the one-year term left on the Literature Coordinator position, working on the monthly Bulletin submissions. Is enjoying the position and the fellowship with the other Officers and Coordinators.

Group Records Coordinator Sarah O. – 1st year in the new position, enjoying the connections with people, working on Bulletin Submissions, thanked everyone for their support.

Kelowna AIS- Jeanine – Jeanine was not in attendance at the meeting, but Shannon wanted us to know she is currently looking after the Literature Depot in Kelowna.

Past Delegates in attendance:

Shirley T. (D05)- was our Delegate from 2010-2012 Panel 50, Shirley said it was an incredible experience, it was an opportunity to grow and to meet new friends.

Lois K. (D25)- was our Delegate from 2013-2015 Panel 53, echoed what Janis and Shirley have already said, she met so many people, many she stays connected with, she said that all service roles are important, we are all AI-Anon members.

Lynn B. (D32)- was our Delegate from 2019-202Panel 59, Lynn said it has been an incredible journey that brought her to be Alternate Delegate, then Delegate. Looking forward to Owen’s report, she only attended one in person WSC due to the pandemic. In service she has made so many great connections, it is such a good experience. Looking forward to more service opportunities.

Consent Agenda- Ann A.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Janis A. (D10); seconded by Nancy M. (D18). **CARRIED**

BREAK- Nancy M. lead us in a short stretch break.

Treasurer's Report – Janis A.

Janis gave us a very informative Treasurer's Report which will be posted on the BC/Yukon website. Janis reminded us that there is valuable information for Group Treasurers in our Service Manual (pg 102-110). E-transfers are now accepted into the Area bank account; please remember to include your group name and city.

A short Q&A followed.

3 members from the U.S. were introduced, joining us virtually.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Ria V. (D20); seconded Bill D (D13)

BREAK

Delegates Report- Owen H.

Owen shared his experience at his first WSC through an impressive, information presentation. He noted that there were 87 voting members attending WSC face to face. Currently there are 674 Electronic Groups which are now known as Area 98. Owen's full report will be posted onto our BC/Yukon website.

A short Q&A followed. Leona G(D17) advised that the new P24 Groups @ Work is now available at the Victoria AIS for the cost of a \$1. The Service Manuals will be available soon and are sold at cost. It was noted that Owen will be a speaker at a New York Public Outreach Workshop June 13, 2022, virtually. The new Service Manual is available online, and in print sometime in August.

Lunch Break

Saturday Afternoon, May 28,2022

Group Records Coordinator- Sarah O.: Roll Call: DRs-14 O/C&L-14, 55 Members at Large.

Shannon reminded us that we all have a voice even though we may all not be eligible to vote and also went over the goals again of the AWSCM. Voting members are O/C &L's and DRs. There are 28 voting members in attendance, 2/3 majority is 19.

3rd Year DR Reports- Carol M (D10), Leona G (D17)

2nd Year DR Reports- Terry S (D21), Linda M (D04), Eileen C (D11)

Shannon went over the Rules of Engagement before our discussions.

Discussion Topic

The motions below were not discussed at the meeting. More details can be found in the March 2022 Bulletin. There were no questions or concerns at this time. These motions will be brought to Assembly for the members to ratify.

Budget Motions:

1. 2018 F Move that the BC/Yukon Area adopts the use of a budget for financial planning of Area funds using the new categories as presented at Assembly 2018, **for a trial period of 3 years. CARRIED**
-Do our members want to approve this motion as a permanent change or extend the trial period to further test its use?
2. 2018 F Move that the BC/Yukon Area implements the use of QuickBooks software to track the income and expenses of the Area, **for a trial period of 3 years.** Format of online or desktop to be determined by the Treasurer and Finance Committee. **CARRIED**
- Do our members want to accept QuickBooks as the tool to record the finances of the BC/Yukon Area, or extend the trial period?
3. 2018 F Move that the BC/Yukon Area select a Finance Committee (up to 5 members) to provide oversight and support the Treasurer, review mid-term & year-end reports and develop a budget to be presented at Assembly, **for a trial period of 3 years.** Committee members will have AI-Anon service experience as well as knowledge of basic bookkeeping practices. **CARRIED**
- Do our members want to have a finance committee in place to support the Treasurer's work or would they like to extend the trial period?

New Business

AFGWME (AI-Anon Groups Wishing to Meet Electronically) **Lynn B.**- gave a short presentation and summary of the Thought Force Charge. Kate S, Lothar S, Lynn B, Mavis H and Nancy M were all members of the Thought Force. A short question and answer period followed.

Shannon explained the reasoning behind putting together a Task Force at AWSCM instead of waiting until Assembly and read from page 68 of the Service Manual (2018-2021)

1st Motion -Terry S (D21) moved that we accept the recommendations of the Thought Force for AFGWME. Seconded by Owen H (D01) **CARRIED**

2nd Motion- Owen H (D01) moved to create a Task Force to explore how to accommodate Electronic Meetings within the BC/Yukon and present findings for vote at Assembly 2022. Seconded by Nancy M (D18) **CARRIED**

Anyone wishing to be a part of this Task Force is to contact Shannon.

BREAK- Stretch break led by Nancy M.

Alateen Thought Force Report- Michelle W. - presented a slide show on the findings of the Thought Force. There are currently 4 active Alateen Groups in BC/Yukon and Michelle is on time for all the AMIAS recertifications. Members of the Alateen Thought Force were Marcella D, Esther L, Anette H, Gail S and Michelle W. After some discussion it was decided to bring the recommendations of the Alateen Thought Force to Assembly for a vote.

Shannon read from page 87 of the 2018-2021 Service Manual regarding dual members and their eligibility for some Service Positions.

Polling of DRs for Chair and Secretary- no members stood at this time

Coordinator Positions for 2023 are Website, Literature and Archives (1yr remaining), resumes can be found on the BC/Yukon website.

2nd Year DR Reports- Trish M (D25), Audrey P (D02)

Public Outreach Presentation- Gail S. -gave a very informative presentation with lots of great ideas to help us get involved with Public Outreach in AI-Anon. The Public Outreach Committee meets once a month on Saturday virtually/electronically. Check the Bulletin for more information regarding the meeting.

1st Year DR Reports- Satish M. (D27), Leslie G. (D15), Ria V. (D20, Elke H. (D09)

Lynn B. (D32) gave us a report on D32 who currently does not have a DR.

Assembly 2022- Langley- Sept. 30- Oct. 2/22 HOST D09

Agenda for Assembly: we went through the Agenda for Assembly.

- Patty T. will do a short workshop on the Website
- Michelle will have an AMIAS meeting
- Nancy will have a GR orientation
- Preregistration for virtual attendance is necessary, at least a week prior
- Early Bird meeting Saturday morning will be Hybrid
- Saturday night skits? Workshop?
- Lunch to be catered or boxed lunches.

Janis A. read the summary of Challenges DRs are experiencing in their Districts from their DR reports.

Nancy M. read the summary of Successes DRs are experiencing in their Districts from their DR reports.

Shannon reminded us of our theme:

“Enhancing Our Recovery Through Abundance, Unity and Understanding”

Shannon will send out a short summary of the weekend to everyone, that will be published in the Bulletin and on the website.

Reminder to fill out the Evaluation Form and put any questions you have in the ‘Ask It Basket’

The meeting closed at 4:58 with the AI-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Ahearn

BC/Yukon Area Secretary

