

AWSCM 2022

Challenges reported by District Representatives

Service members

No District Representative, difficult to get service positions filled, some meetings with no GR, recycled service members, not filling all group positions, Groups not having business meetings, group not including all members in business meetings due to split between online and in person

Technology challenges

Technology challenges to do hybrid meetings, members having difficulty with keeping track of the many login numbers for zoom meetings, some members have trouble with technology to join online meetings, hard to find venues with strong wifi to do hybrid meetings, tech problems take time away from meetings and distract from our purpose, hybrid technology can be problematic

Unity of members

Lack of connection between those attending in person and those on electronic meetings, some meetings have split into in-person and online, some members not coming or not as committed to online meetings, some groups did not meet during covid, declining membership during covid and not all are coming back, meetings closing down, lost meeting during covid, lost members during covid, solid group but weak in service

Alateen

Alateen not active, no Alateen group, not enough AMIAS (AI-Anon members involved in Alateen Service), only 1 member in Alateen meeting

Pandemic protocols

Changing protocols during pandemic, hard to hear everyone when social distancing in a meeting, some meeting rooms not open yet

Other

DR supporting large geographical area is difficult, no roundup this year so fundraising was not available, not able to host special events, too many back seat drivers, lack of P.O. – are we reaching potential new members?, not all groups are updating meeting information with Group Records (especially when changing from online to in person and back again), problems with WSO not being able to list all meetings with the variety of adaptations made during the pandemic,

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Successes reported by District Representatives

Alateen

Alateen meeting starting up again, one group donating tradition 7 to help Alateen with startup costs, district starting a new Alateen meeting, 6 AMIAS available for new group, existing Alateen group has one teenager, it was noted that Alateen members are also Al-Anon members and can attend Al-Anon if they choose.

Electronic meetings

District meetings on zoom now, District wide zoom account shared by all groups in the district – one passcode for all works well, a group going hybrid budgeted for equipment so set up went well, 2 groups in districts staying electronic, sharing zoom account in district saves \$896.00 in fees, formed an electronic meeting – challenges turned into successes, hosted a speaker meeting with the speaker from another part of the province, new electronic group started

In Person Meetings

Meetings are exploding and people coming back indoors, meetings outside in the park to avoid going electronic, 2 new in person meetings – one is a beginner's meeting, strong healthy group with 50-60 people, in person meetings slowly increasing attendance, new group being considered for start up

Unity

All service positions filled, well attended district meetings, using business meetings to bring some history of Stepping Stones, great district & strong groups with everyone willing to step up to get things done, feel supported and never alone in service, district meeting well attended by groups, New DR feeling welcomed into group/district, feeling loved unconditionally, newcomers can come to a healthy district, looking forward to hosting assembly, strong support from alternate DR, regular members rather than GR's step up at district to ensure groups participate, learning new communication tools for personal growth,

Special events

Electronic book study on "Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships" was successful, Christmas Day electronic meeting was open all day for support of members and 3 meetings were held that day as well, anniversary meeting held, Mother's Day meeting with Al-Anon and AA speakers, planning intimacy workshop, held step workshop and maybe do another in June, planning fall barbeque, speaker meeting with local AA members well attended, barbeque planned for the fall for district to see each other again, held a movie night, went on road trips together – lot of fun, gratitude Day in December – used old phone lists to call more members and had a good turnout,

planning to host a picnic on the same day as Lois' Annual Picnic at Stepping Stones on June 4th, speaker meeting with perfect attendance,

Public Outreach

District outreach coordinator really good, published ad in paper for public outreach, strong district PO coordinator, have a district answering service with lower costs