Consent Agenda

The consent agenda is a tool used to streamline meeting procedures by collecting routine, non-controversial items into a group whereby all are passed with a single motion and vote.

2017 Move that BC/Yukon accept the Consent Agenda, which includes minutes from AWSCM and/or Assembly and the Officers, Coordinator and AIS Annual reports, excluding the Treasurers Annual report. (Overrides 2014 motion)

Carried

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT

Hello fellow Al-Anon/Alateen members,

As I prepare this interim report, I am reflecting on the experiences I have gained in the last year and a half while serving as your Alternate Delegate: the fellowship, the friendships, being the recipient of willing service members' support when I lack the knowledge of a task or charge I am responsible for, and the knowledge and self-esteem I have gained in the process. Most of all my relationship with the God of my understanding has grown as my dependence on Him has become deeper. Three thoughts come to mind:

- One: Steps 1,2 and 3 I can't. He can. I think I'll let Him.
- Two: God = Good Orderly Direction.
- Three: God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

Thank you to my sponsor and service sponsor who have shared many moments of my uncertainty and taken many phone calls, e-mails and in person visits helping me reason things out while seeking God's will for me and the Power to carry that out. I will update you on some of the activities I have been involved in since my annual report in last September's Consent Agenda posted on the BC/Yukon Website for the 2022 Assembly.

Job Descriptions

I continue to coordinate updating and creating new job descriptions. With the addition of Hybrid meetings in our BC/Yukon, many job descriptions have changed to allow for the inclusion of Hybrid logistics as well as some new jobs created to accommodate Hybrid meetings. With input from members serving in each position and with other Officers and Coordinators' support in documentation, the new service positions' job descriptions as well as updated job descriptions reflecting current service responsibilities and duties will be posted on the BC/Yukon Website for all members to reference.

Area Forum Coordinator

The duties of Alternate Delegate include Area Forum Coordinator. This is a fun duty. A complimentary Forum arrives each month to my mailing address and there is a Forum Coordinator section on AFG connects where other Alternate Delegates share their experience strength and hope in this role. I attended a Forum Coordinator Webinar in 2022 as well as one this year with more to be scheduled. There are many ways to participate in Forum sharing writing sessions. During BC/Yukon Assembly 2022 Ermagarde and many others participated in Quote at A Time submissions and a Forum Raffle was conducted for two attendees - one online and one in person. If you would like me to visit your Group or District for Forum support, please reach out to me through the Alternate Delegate's e-mail.

There are currently 155 subscriptions sent to BC members and groups and one to the Yukon. That represents a drop in numbers from November 2022, but hopefully it will pick up soon. It is a great way to support the WSO, our main Worldwide Fellowship Arm.

Group Representatives' and District Representatives' Orientation

Ermagarde has been busy with her schedule and is planning to return to AWSCM and Assembly with increased experience, strength and hope. Since she is conscious of not dominating with a lengthy time at the microphone, she would love to hear your requests for the type of breakout activities and tables you would like to explore with her.

That's all for now. I am looking forward to participating in the business of BC/Yukon Al-Anon while we **Love, Laugh and Grow Together** in the theme of this year's fellowship. Thank you for trusting me to serve you.

In Gratitude,

Nancy MC

altdelegate@bcyukon-al-anon.org



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Alternate Delegate

BULLETIN EDITOR REPORT

Hello Al-Anon members,

I have been the BC/Yukon Al-Anon Bulletin Editor for the last 2 years and 4 months. It has been a creative growth experience for me.

I mailed out 12 copies to our mail subscribers and I forwarded the bulletin to our Website Coordinator, Lothar to be uploaded to the BC/Yukon Website by the first of the month.

Thank you for allowing me to be your BC/Yukon Editor.

Love in service,

Jean H.

Area Bulletin Editor

WEBSITE COORDINATOR REPORT

How are You doing?

I hope you are doing well as I am and that you are enjoying life to the fullest. I am grateful for where I am today with my program, and I am looking forward to enjoying my service role as your website coordinator for the next few years.

The BC/Yukon Al-Anon website, beside the BC/Yukon Bulletin, is our most powerful communication tool. Whereas the Bulletin is only for our Al-Anon fellows, the website is serving two groups:

- 1. The **General Public** (including Media and Professionals) by giving information about the idea of Al-Anon and how to access literature and meetings.
- 2. Our **BC/Yukon Al-Anon Fellows** by informing and keeping electronic files. Easy access and easy navigation is key here.

The website was built and put in service quite a few years ago and our fellow Al-Anon's have used it thousands and thousands of times ever since. After such a long time of service, I feel it's a good practice to ask the question:

How are We doing?

Yes, that's the question and I would like to encourage you to think about it for a moment.

- What thoughts are crossing your mind when you use the BC/Yukon website and browse its content?
- Do you have any suggestions for how to improve the website for your needs?

As your trusted servant, I see my job as a provider of service for you. That service means to me to create content and make it accessible for you on our website in a fashion you need and like.

Please give it a thought and send me your suggestions to: website@bcyukon-al-anon.org

I'll keep you posted and let you know how things are evolving through our monthly bulletin.

Have a great day and as always,

Keep it Simple – Just for Today

Lothar, Website Coordinator

ALATEEN COORDINATOR REPORT

We have 24 AMIAS and 3 Alateen groups with one virtual meeting on Zoom.

I have been having virtual meetings with AMIAS for training sessions and questions. I have been both coordinator and Process Person for the last two years and feel this is not a one person job. I would have loved to go to Districts and hold face to face information meetings and coordinated with the public outreach team however I work fulltime and could not do that. Since this is my last year I am happy to say I achieved my goal which was to have an Alateen meeting in my own District. Alateen is Al-Anon and although it was not looking good at the beginning, we are ending strong. I have hope that Alateen can be great again in our Area with a little more help from Al-Anon members to keep Alateen alive today and for the future. "Together we can make it"-Alateen slogan.

Yours In Alateen Service,

Michelle, Alateen Coordinator

LITERATURE COORDINATOR REPORT

The new literature term began in January. I have focused on becoming familiar with the literature position: what information and resources I need to pass from WSO to the Area, what types of projects we might consider, and what's already in place. A challenge is for me to find out what needs the members in our area perceive in their districts. I offered some ideas in the January bulletin, but to really serve, I would like to hear from others, so I will work on my communication to get some feedback, before planning. I am thinking of a brief e-mail survey to the District Reps, to start.

There was an orientation on Zoom in February, which I was unable to attend, but I did watch the recording, and heard other literature coordinators ask questions about using AFG Connects, and how they are encouraging members to use and distribute literature.

There have been a few announcements from WSO:

- 1. The new Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manuals for 2022-2025 (P24/27) became available to order in February. The Spanish version is due in March.
- 2. A new daily reader, "A Little Time for Myself", will be introduced at the International Convention in June.

Respectfully Submitted In Service,

Donna H., Literature Coordinator literature@bcyukon-al-anon.org

GROUP RECORDS COORDINATOR

We currently have 30 Physical District and 1 PEG District

We have 18 DR's and 13 Dark Districts (without a DR)

We have 154 groups with a physical address in our database and 11 new Permanent Electronic Groups (PEG)

We have one PEGs in each of Districts 4, 5, 10, 12, 16, 26 and 5 PEGs in the newly created Electronic District 34

6 of the 11 PEG's have Group Reps and 5 do not.

109 of the in-person meetings have Group reps and 45 do not.

I am enjoying the challenge of this service position as we transition into including Permanent Electronic Meetings into our Area and Districts.

I wish all the Districts had a DR as I see how valuable this position is in keeping the information flowing as well as assisting with keeping the Group Records current. District Reps have read only access to the on-line group records database. Our Area Policies and Procedures to accept PEG's is to have a DR to facilitate the District group conscience to accept the new PEG's

Central Office and AIS have been wonderful at keeping meeting lists current for both on-line and inperson meetings as the on-line meetings are not showing up in the WSO search at the moment. WSO is aware and working on this. I appreciate the kind support and patience of our members as we work through some limitations with the current technology.

With Gratitude in Service,

Sarah O.

Group Records Coordinator

PUBLIC OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Public Outreach was very busy the last year. We continue our monthly Committee meetings on Zoom the last Saturday of the month at 10:30 am. The log in in is 985-6094-7531 pass code 696634. Everyone is welcome.

At Assembly we had a great Al-Anon display table set up and there was a great deal of interest in the copy of the Public Outreach Power Point providing information on what can be done by Groups to reach out to the Public and Professionals.

Other successes were attending 5 Group meetings presenting the Power Point and answering questions about Public Outreach.

Recently we had Al-Anon participation with AA for the Corrections Connection Round Up and have made contacts to help us obtain permission to start Al-Anon meetings in the Correctional Facilities. We also had 3 successful meetings and a great Al-Anon speaker that day. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

We will also have our Public Outreach participation coming up at the AA 2023 Victoria Miracles Rally May 19 - 21. There will be meetings, a display table and Al-Anon speakers.

It has been a great year and we invite anyone interested in participating for events or attending the meetings to provide input as to what you would like to see Public Outreach doing in your District.

Hugs In Service

Gail Schuler
Public Outreach Coordinator

AIS VICTORIA REPORT

Things are going smoothly here in Victoria. We have a very dedicated group of volunteers who tirelessly keep the office going. We are very grateful for them! We are looking for additional volunteers and have put out the word. This would allow us to keep the office open for more than one day a week. We feel very supported by the members on the Island and would like to offer as much as we can in the way of service. Our members contribute generously to the office and help out whenever we run into financial difficulty. They also steadily purchase our literature.

We are happy to hear that after a year delay, the Service Manual is finally on the way! Members have been asking for it but we know that there have been supply issues due to COVID.

The biggest challenge during the last year has been the increase in literature costs by WSO. It took some time to decide on our response in terms of what to charge our members. We did finally figure out a plan and by all accounts it has been working out nicely.

Amy G.

AIS Chair

AIS VANCOUVER (CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICE)

Purchase of Literature

Place an Order by e mail: afgcentraloffice@gmail.com or phone in the order 604-688-1716

Pick up at the office: 222-3701 East Hastings Street, Burnaby, BC V5C 6J4 or we can mail your literature order to you.

Payment for Literature purchases

Pay-Pay/credit card, e transfer, cheque or cash

mailing address: PO Box 28574, Willingdon Heights PO, Burnaby BC V5C 6J4

Tradition Seven

Donations to Central Office same as literature purchase method. Groups donate, Districts donate and we welcome personal donations. Thank-you!

Archives

Housed in Central Office. Come anytime to visit during office hours.

Inventory

Some literature is on back order so please phone to check our stock before coming in. The most popular sale is the Courage to Change daily reader.

Meeting Information

We create a list of all Al-Anon meetings; face to face, hybrid, or online meetings in BC/Yukon. Vancouver Island enquiries are referred to the Victoria Office. Inform Area Group Records of any changes to your meeting time or place so we can provide updated and correct information to a newcomer.

Communication

E mails- afgcentraloffice@gmail.com or Voice mail - 604 688 1716

Both are monitored during office hour closures. During office hours, the Office Manager responds to all requests for information. AIS Chair makes a submission each month to the Bulletin. We have Executive meetings when needed. (as dictated by law as we are a registered Society) We communicate by emails to Society members. We have quarterly meetings.

Speakers Bureau

Maintains the contacts of members willing to speak at Round Ups, Anniversary Meetings etc. Ask Groups to encourage members to put their names forward so we can respond to requests.

Information Highway

People enquiring about us often say they were told by their Doctor, Counsellor, or family/friend to make a phone call to us.

Paid employee and volunteers

Our paid employee manages the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and the last Saturday of the month volunteers manage the office 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Volunteers are needed during office hours. Drop into the office to enquire about volunteering.

BC/Yukon Al-Anon Central Services Society

Non-profit Society incorporated to comply with BC Provincial regulations. Eighty three members registered in the Society and notice is given for the quarterly meetings which are currently held on Zoom. Financial Reports are presented at these meetings. If you wish to participate go to afgcentraloffice.blogspot.ca/

We have an Executive Chair, reporting Treasurer, Secretary, Directors and members at large. The Office Manager participates but is non-voting. The Service Manual suggests Alternate Group Reps attend the quarterly meetings and/or someone from your District. You do not need to be a member of the Society to attend. Any member is welcome, see the Bulletin for dates and log in information.

Submitted by Chair: Lynn G.