

BC/Yukon Area World Service Committee Meeting (AWSCM)

What is it?

The BC/Yukon Area World Service Committee Meeting is held once per year at the end of May.

The 3 main goals are:

1. **Your voice is heard:** This is a meeting where the voices of the groups are brought forward by the BC/Yukon Area District Representatives (DR). Drs or designates are your “trusted servants” that 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. Planning for the upcoming BC/Yukon Area Assembly in September is done.

Who attends?

While all Al-Anon and Alateen members are welcome to attend, all District Representatives are asked to attend to discuss and make recommendations on behalf of their District. This is how the members of each group guide the actions of Al-Anon and Alateen.

How does the District Representative prepare for AWSCM?

District Representatives are asked to read the agenda and background information that is available in the BC/Yukon website. District Representatives present the information or discussion topics to their groups and ask for guidance from the groups on how best to represent them on each of the issues up for discussion.

Be prepared to give a brief talk about what is happening in your district; new ideas for workshops/public outreach, working together as a district etc. We encourage you to share both successes and challenges so we can all learn from each other.

How are expenses paid?

District funds should be made available to pay for the District Representative’s attendance at the BC/Yukon AWSCM. Expenses include travel, hotel and meals. It is recommended that District Representatives travel together whenever possible and share a hotel room to minimize the cost. In cases where the District cannot afford to pay all costs, a representative 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 AWSCM. For more general information, please refer to the service manual.