

# Minutes Nevada Al-Anon Area Assembly September 17 – 19, 2021

## Friday 9/17/2021

Area Assembly opened Friday, September 17 at 5:30 PM with Welcome, Serenity Prayer, reading AFG Traditions, One Day at A Time Page 322, Welcome New GR's, Meeting Room Etiquette, review of Assembly Procedures, Guideline 15 (edited for virtual meeting).

The Area Chairperson, Tracy B., reviewed the Assembly packets (provided on-line to those who registered)

Roll Call: (Note registration reflected different count this is actual roll call numbers)

Date	Position	District	Number
Friday 9/17/2021	AWSC		19
<b>17 equal 2/3 vote</b>	<b>Substantial Unanimity</b>		<b>25</b>
Friday 9/17/2021	Group Representatives	1	7
Friday 9/17/2021	Group Representatives	2	9
Friday 9/17/2021	Group Representatives	3	4
Friday 9/17/2021	Group Representatives	4	2
Friday 9/17/2021	Group Representatives	5	3
Friday 9/17/2021	Group Representatives	6	0

**Minutes:** Approval of minutes from the last Area Assembly, March 21-22, 2021, members had time to review and comment, minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurers Report:** Patrick B.

Current Cash Status as of 8/31/2021: Checking 19,599.16, Reserve \$ 16,641.37, for total of \$ 36,240.53  
Budget Status as of 8/31/2021: Budget amount \$ 12,276.00, Actual spent \$ 3,204.04, Available \$ 8,552.09.  
Year to Date Fiscal Group Contributions to NV Area: \$ 5,449.60. After some discussion and revisions, the FY 2022 Budget was approved for total expenses of \$ 22,153.12.

**MOTION:** *MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. PASSED 21 YES 1 NO 1 ABSTENTION*

**Southern NV AIS Liaison Report: (District 1,3 and 5)** Barbara M. (reported by Julie)

Southern Nevada continues to do well. We now have 28 meetings listed as face-to-face meetings.

The location for the Literature Depot has closed permanently. Ordering is now done online or by phone. The Henderson Literature Depot continues to provide personal delivery of online orders. The literature needs of the groups are therefore being met. We are so grateful to all those ladies for stepping up during this difficult time.

We are now in need of an Alateen Liaison.

The treasury continues to be healthy, especially since the expenses are much less than in normal times. At our June committee meeting there was very lively discussion regarding a return to face-to-face meetings at the First Christian Church. Most members were not willing or able to travel to the church for the meeting and preferred the current virtual format. A compromise was reached as a motion was made and passed to hold the next meeting as a hybrid meeting. Our August meeting was therefore a hybrid meeting and was

very successful. Those present enjoyed the personal contact. Some minor kinks need to be worked out. There was a motion at that meeting to have the October meeting hybrid as well. The meeting was positive and upbeat, and we continue to enjoy a Tradition speaker after each meeting.

It has been a pleasure serving as the Southern Nevada AIS Liaison for almost the past two years!

**Northern NV AIS Liaison Report: (District 2, 4 and 6) Ramona L.**

Northern Nevada AIS – covering Districts 2, 4 and 6 -- meets the first Wednesday of even numbered months via Zoom from 6:30 PM – 8 PM. We are financially stable with a \$4,000 balance. We typically have 8 – 10 attendees at our monthly meeting, including visitors, who are always welcome. Thank you to everyone who continues to serve within Northern Nevada. We are searching for a District 6 Rep. as well as a Facebook Rep. A great way to practice your program! Recently we spent some time updating the schedule to address meetings which transitioned from Zoom, to face-to-face, as well as those placed on hold. An exciting new development – Al-Anon being brought into health care locations in the area. Thank you, Jill! Jill is looking for volunteers. One more way to put your program in action!

Question what Facebook Rep. is, explained that No. NV opened a Facebook page and now postings go to the No. NV AIS Gmail instead of posting to Facebook. Needs some managing.

**Spanish Liaison Report: Irma S.:**

Updates for SO NV and NO NV below, also the SO NV AIS will host a workshop about Alateen and have requested Paul to participate.

**Spanish Liaison SO NV Report:**

- June 2020 Spanish AIS began meeting in person at normal location, meet the first Sunday of each month, I attended via video call. AIS committee visits groups to offer support. There are 6 Spanish groups who regularly attend AIS meetings. Most of service positions are filled
- Of the Spanish meetings in So. NV 7 (seven) are meeting virtual, 3 (three) meeting face to face.
- Alateen en la Estrellas – active and Creciendo en Alateen – inactive
- So NV groups share among groups 2 times a month.
- Upcoming events: XXII Hispanic AA Convention with Al-Anon participation, October 8-10. Las Vegas Round up November 25-28, 2021, location 3801 S. Las Vegas Blvd. (Tropicana Casino).

**Spanish Liaison NO NV Report:**

- Ilusion de Vivir Group continues to meet face-to-face, they are largest group in Reno
- Abramos el Corazon (Adult Children) continue to meet 2 days a week at Sparks Alano Club in person, they celebrated their 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a celebration that included AA, Al-Anon and Alateen sharing.
- Group Serenidad was inactive, started meeting 4 months ago and now at the Triangle Club.
- New Group Flor de Sabiduria meets Wednesday and Saturday at Sparks Alano club. District 2 has been supportive with literature.

**Al-Anon Times Editor/Coordinator Report: Lori K. (reported by Tracy B.)**

Our Newsletter Editor, Lori has submitted her resignation. Due to some personal reasons, she has decided to step down. I wanted to thank her for her service.

The position of Newsletter Editor is now open. If you are interested, know someone who is interested, know someone who would be a great fit or have questions, please reach out and I will get you all the requirements and resume form.

My email is [nvareachair@gmail.com](mailto:nvareachair@gmail.com) and my number is 775-813-7473. You can also find my contact information in the confidential list.

**NV Area Webmaster/Coordinator Report:** Jennifer D.

This past year and a half have been very challenging but program is still very much alive and well on Zoom, which has now branched out to several hybrid meetings in the Nevada area. These meetings are listed on the Nevada area Al- Anon website specifically as a hybrid meeting which lets attendees know that they can attend either in person or if they are more comfortable on Zoom they can attend that way as well. There are also many meetings that are back face-to-face, and those meetings can be found on the website. Along with updated meeting information, the Nevada area website is full of information for individual members or for groups. For example, many groups can find lots of helpful resources such as links to start a meeting, change a meeting, addresses for 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations, etc. The Member Resources page has links to the Al-Anon app as well as other helpful information. I have also added a page for global events, which is specifically for Al-Anon events located outside of the Nevada area.

I am always on the lookout for ideas for items to post on the website. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at [webmaster@nevadaal-anon.org](mailto:webmaster@nevadaal-anon.org) to let me know if you have any ideas. My email address can be found on the bottom of every page on the Nevada Al-Anon website as well. Just click on the “webmaster” link.

**Now for some stats:**

So far, in 2021, we have had 34,236 unique visitors to our website. A unique visitor is a person who has visited the website at least once and is counted only once in the reporting time period. So, if the user visits the website more than once, it counts as one visitor only.

Find a meeting page had the most views. It had 11,512 views in 2021.

The majority of the visitors to our website utilize Apple/Mac products to visit the site.

Any questions/comments/concerns can be emailed to me at

[webmaster@nevadaal-anon.org](mailto:webmaster@nevadaal-anon.org).

**Area Assy Speaker – Denise S. – Past Delegate Panel 51/current Area Secretary**

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Closed the meeting at 8:05 with Al-Anon Declaration

**Saturday 9/18/2021**

Area Assembly opened Saturday, September 18 at 9:00 AM, with Welcome, Serenity Prayer, reading AFG Traditions, and reading from Hope For Today Page 271 about Concept 4.

Roll Call: (Note registration reflected different count this is actual roll call numbers)

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**Area Archives Task Force Report Back – Sue W.:**

Sue shared recommendations; GR’s accepted these recommendations with a consensus. Action will begin at Spring 2022 Area Assembly.

1. Recommend the Area want to donate the copy of "Came to Believe", an A.A. publication, signed by Lois W. to Nevada Area A.A.
2. Keep the ODAT signed by Lois W. to Dottie Dickens, provide a bookcase, and give it to the current Delegate to use during her term then pass it on to the next Delegate.
3. The Thought Force would hold an auction at the Spring 2022 Assembly of the remaining books.
4. Distribute district binders to DRs for review, updates, and share at district meetings.
5. Public Outreach coordinator would keep the Public Outreach binder to update and share at Assemblies.
6. Forum sharing's written by Nevada Area members would be uploaded to the Nevada Area Website by the Nevada Area Website Coordinator for members to read.
7. Literature Coordinator would keep the 3 books we keep and bring to Assemblies to display at the literature table.
8. Create a Work Group specifically for Archives to review and distribute new items donated to Area. The group would be a 3-year term and rotate with other area services positions. Tasks could include scanning hard copies of area documents, creating a link for the area website so members could read the documents, and digital storage of the documents. Create a plan for future archives.
9. Digital storage presents a challenge as technology is always in a state of flux. The Task Force suggests making a copy of area documents for MAC and PC. Further questions for discussion: do we use a CD or USB drive for storage?
10. The Task Force discussed renaming the Archives. The following are suggestions for a new name: Archivist, Family Tree Historian, From Lois to the Present, The Treasury, The Vault, Our History, Founders to the Present and Memorabilia Coordinator.

The Task Force believes that these suggestions will breathe new life into the area archives and distribute the tasks of maintaining the archives to more members of the area. The archives will be more readily accessible to area members.

#### **Delegate Report – Robin P.:**

Conference theme for 2021 is Moving Forward with Unity, Courage, and Perseverance. While I was not able to attend in person this year, the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual World Service Conference (WSC) was very busy. When the Delegates act as a whole upon Al-Anon's important matters, the unity of our fellowship is strengthened. Here are some of the highlights:

- WSO launches a redesigned Al-Anon Family Groups Online store, now trilingual, mobile friendly
- Electronic Newcomer Packet (eK-10) available eBook vendors, prices vary, for electronic meetings a link can be sent for members to members that is a welcome from WSO not actual packet
- Just for Tonight bookmark (M-81) has been popular and literature committee is now accepting sharing's for new Alateen Just for Tonight. Can submit sharing on line.
- Policy Committee reviewing Alateen Preamble of the service manual to update wording, for example, uses words "our parents" and could include siblings, guardians and other relatives, friends etc.
- Approval given to add preface to *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage (B-4)* and *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon (B-6)* to mention historical perspective to what may be considered older wording.
- Since completion of 3-year trial in 2021, Interpretation at World Service Conference was approved to continue and equalized expense for Delegates to attend will be increased.
- Policy Committee approved some housekeeping changes in the Service Manual, also some review of bequest section wording.

- 2022 WSC Theme “*Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity and Understanding*”, will be held April 26 thru April 30, in Tarrytown, NY. A visit to Stepping Stones is scheduled, will be better than virtual tour from 2021 Conference.
- Road Trip to be held October 23, 2021 in Cleveland, Ohio.
- AFG International, June 29 thru July 2, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Permanent Electronic Meetings discussion – New Business on Sunday

**Alternate Delegate/NV Group Records Coordinator Report - Lisa S.**

Presented what group records are, where you can make changes on the Members website, and how to make changes regarding your Group Information. Importance of keeping group records up to date is the responsibility of the GR and includes knowing your group unique ID, CMA, and communicating with Lisa and or WSO regarding changes. Lisa shared her screen showing the AFG site (links referenced below). There was a Q&A session, some questions:

- Update electronic or change form (snail mail) – prefer electronic but snail mail OK
- Is there a place when updating electronically for Zoom #, Lisa will check into

District	Total # of Groups	Active	Inactive	No Mail	Marked for Deletion
1	27	19	7	1	0
2	39	23	10	2	1
3	27	18	9	0	0
4	22	16	6	0	0
5	28	22	7	2	0
6	11	6	4	2	0
11	1	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>

**Updating Group Records**

1. Go to the World Service office website Al-Anon.org <https://al-anon.org/>
2. <https://al-anon.org/for-members/>
3. <https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/>

Please use the World Service Office website to make Group Records Changes, your District Rep. has access to view records if you have questions, also, you can always contact me (Lisa).

**Thought Force: Tonopah Talks:**

**Background:** In the past, Tonopah Talks was published and distributed at the NV Area Assembly by the Fellowship Communication Action Committee. The booklet was usually published annually, but with no specific date; it was distributed when the booklet was completed, often at the Fall Assembly. Members of Assembly were usually asked to focus on a particular topic related to their service experience and to submit their sharing to the Coordinator. The content of Tonopah Talks celebrated recovery through their service experience, especially at the Area level. The cost to print and publish the informal booklet of members submissions was supported by funds from the Fellowship Communication Action Committee’s annual “budget” allotment of \$150.00.

**Charge:** Research the background behind Tonopah Talks and generate ideas for ways to continue this Assembly Tradition. Using KBDM, uncover the history of Tonopah Talks. Explore current members interest and the value in continuing its publication. Consider the best ways to format and present Tonopah Talks, including strategies to stimulate interest in written contributions for Assembly members.

## **KNOWLEDGE BASED DECISION MAKING (KBDM)**

Members of the Thought Force used the KBDM questions. Below is a possible recommendation to pass on to the AWSC for discussion on how to move this Thought Force forward. This of course is open for our Thought Force to discuss and make changes.

### **Recommendation:**

Form a Task Force to create a onetime publication to present to assembly at the 2022 Spring Assembly. Brainstorm and present answers to the above questions.

This will give the Assembly body an example of what this publication has to offer and if as an Area we would like to continue creating this publication on a regular basis.

Allow for a \$100.00 budget to cover expense of printing.

### **Alateen Coordinator/AAPP – Paul D.**

This has been a challenging year and exciting year for our Alateen program:

1. This year we have (34) certified active AMIAS; this is down from last year's (48).
2. Our active Alateen groups are (7); (1) group "Together We Can Make It In Alateen", District 5 has gone inactive.
3. There are only two (2) Alateen groups meeting mask-mask; "Keep It Simple Alateen" in District 1 and "Alateen En Las Estrellas" District 1.
4. "Creciendo En Alateen", District 1; "Together Alateens Will Make it", District 2; "Kids in Super Serenity Alateen" District 2; and "Let Go And Let God Alateen" District 5 are all suspended at this time due to COVID.
5. District 2 is still sponsoring and hosting an Alateen zoom meeting, "Monday Night Changes Alateen" each week at 7:00 pm.
6. Two of the suspended Alateen meeting will be going inactive this year if we are not able to get AMIAS to commit to sponsoring those groups.
7. On a brighter note WSO is currently sponsoring (7) Alateen groups that are on a zoom platform hosted by (7) Areas in the US and Canada; these meetings are accessed via the WSO App and are available to kids 13-18 from around the world. Nevada (Area 34) has the privilege of hosting one of these meetings; Wednesdays at 4:00 pm.
8. WSO has just sent out a survey to the Alateens to hear their voice on the subject of electronic meetings; results to be taken up at WSO.
9. The month of October is Alateen month and we will be making a once a year appeal to support Alateen.

### **Current Active Alateen Groups Area 34**

1. District 1: "Keep It Simple Alateen" (M-M)
2. District 1: "Alateen En Las Estrellas" (M-M)
3. District1: "Creciendo En Alateen" (Suspended)
4. District 2: "Together Alateens Will Make It' (Suspended)
5. District 2: "Kids in Super Serenity Alateen" (Suspended)
6. District 2: "Monday Night Changes Alateen" (Zoom)
7. District5: "Let Go And Let God Alateen" (Suspended)

This Area has sent out Alateen daily readers and information all over the world (Canada, the US, Great Britten and Australia) thank you for your generosity and allowing me to serve.

### **Assembly Committee Coordinator – Anne J.**

The position of Area Assembly Coordinator has been a challenge at times during this new world we live in. I continue to learn and adapt to the changes.

I want to thank all of you for registering using the form I created that was posted on our Nevada area website by coordinator, Jen and sent to the AWSC to distribute. Third time's a charm with very few challenges. I'd like to keep this part of the registration alive for years to come.

We had a total of 70 people register for this virtual fall assembly, 35 were group representatives. A challenge continues to be, people registering more than once. Another struggle was the virtual folders. We will conquer these hurdles!

I hope to see you all at the Spring assembly in March so we can continue the business of Al-Anon face to face. If not, I'll embrace each day with a new outlook and a positive attitude!

### **Literature Coordinator – Jan R.**

There is new and exciting information to share this session. We have a new Magazine Editor and administrator of the AFG Connects, Carol C. introduced herself to the Forum Coordinators using AFG Connects and provided us with her contact information as well as sending welcome to the new Forum Coordinators. She encouraged all of us to review and use the Area Forum Coordinator (G-32) Guideline and ask that we not hesitate to reach out with questions and concerns. Carol promises updates periodically-sharing articles, sending out calls for submissions and offering the latest Forum news and sneak peeks of articles in hopes that this information is passed along at our assemblies. The July issue also features *The Forum's* newly revised and approved **Statement of Purpose** (on page 1).

*The Forum is an international monthly publication of Al-Anon Family Groups, a fellowship that offers help and hope for the families and friends of alcoholics. This magazine features timely sharing from Al-Anon and Alateen members, much in the way that they contribute when attending Al-Anon or Alateen meetings. The magazine also includes suggested meeting topics, as well as news and information from Al-Anon's World Service conference and World Service Office.*

Her final request was that we pass along to our groups and assembly the need for sharing's of all kinds, but we especially need sharing's on our three Legacies. In addition to encouraging member submissions in your Area, please consider submitting your own 150-400 word sharing about how one of the Steps, Traditions or Concepts of Service helped you in your recovery.

Finally — Suzanne Martin, Associate Director-Conference, is responsible for the production of the Manual and Groups at Work. She said that both are planned to be available in spring 2022. There are no plans to create a CAL Catalog for 2022, since the current Catalog is not dated, and no new printed material is planned for the coming year.

As your Literature Coordinator, I am also your Area Forum Coordinator. As such, I have the responsibility to encourage groups and members to submit sharing's to The Forum and to subscribe. I am asked to carry Al-Anon's message of recovery as printed in The Forum to Group Representatives (GRs), who are the Forum Representatives in their groups. I have included the guideline that describes this in your packet.

The Forum subscription report is posted each month for the purpose of keeping Coordinators informed about subscription rates in your Areas. One trend to note is that subscriptions over all continue to decline. Hopefully this trend will reverse as more and more groups return to in-person meetings, and our Literature is more visible. In addition, what might you as a frontline Trusted Servant do to help raise

awareness of the wonderful recovery tool we have in The Forum?

Members have expressed appreciation for finding in the pages of the magazine experience, strength, and hope related to overcoming fears, dealing with depression, and engaging in service. Others have learned to appreciate and apply the Traditions and Concepts of Service to their personal lives by reading the sharing's in the department, "Our Three Legacies." Many members read from The Forum in their meetings to start the discussion.

Top 6 Reasons Why Your Group Should Subscribe to The Forum (excerpted from the WSO site)

1. The Forum is one of Al-Anon's best-kept secrets. Some members don't know about it, and even some Group Representatives don't know that, in addition to the other services they perform, they serve as local representatives of the magazine to their groups.
2. Encouraging a group subscription helps members learn about this valuable recovery tool.
3. The Forum offers great meeting topics. Whether members read articles aloud, at random or choose one and discuss the ideas within, a lively and helpful discussion is likely to ensue.
4. Each issue includes articles from a wide range of perspectives—from adult children, spouses, friends, grandparents, and more. There is something for everyone.
5. The Forum is a great resource for newcomers. Whereas Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism is aimed at reaching people who have never been to a meeting, The Forum can give newcomers a meeting between meetings. It is a great gift to present to a newcomer — it comes every month, even if the newcomer doesn't.
6. At \$11 US per year (including shipping), a Forum subscription is the best gift your group can give itself! *En Action* is published 6 times a year and costs \$10. A great gift for Sponsors and Sponsees at Christmas or on Birthdays.

Ways to Order the Forum

1. Order a printed copy using the last page of The Forum magazine, or on-line at [al-anon.org/pdf/ForumOrder.pdf](http://al-anon.org/pdf/ForumOrder.pdf)
2. Order a digital version from your favorite digital media service provider.

How do you encourage members to read and subscribe to The Forum? Here are some fun ways to include The Forum at your meeting: Does your meeting have a Literature Corner? Forum Drawing? Where in the world has your Forum Been? Favorite CAL notecards.

Remember: The Forum is By Us and For Us — it reflects our steps and Traditions: - Participation: -Seventh Tradition: - Carrying the message: -Program of attraction: -Ultimate responsibility of the Al-Anon Group.

### **Public Outreach – Candy L.**

As Public Outreach Coordinator (P.O.C.) I help to attract not promote, and to carry the message of hope through local media and to professionals throughout their communities. We do this by placing public ads in public places, radio and TV.

At the end of August P.O.C.'s had a Zoom meeting and were informed that there will be updated policy and guidelines in the next Service Manual version. It will cover the media, internet, social networking media, along with social networking with the World Service Office.

We have a new PSA: *The Benefits on Recovery*, that was launched August 3<sup>rd</sup> and there were 250 views first premier. There was a lot of positive feedback on this, and more airtime than any other PSA so far. PSA also posted in the Loop, and on the Al-Anon YouTube link ([youtube.com/user/AlAnonFamilyGroupHQ](http://youtube.com/user/AlAnonFamilyGroupHQ)). PSA's available in English, Spanish, and French. Nelson Tracking is current PSA distributor, issues with Canada but

working on. If you have specific location, you would like a PSA contact Candy. Currently no University, or Christian channels playing our PSA's, but we can reach out if you have one in mind. WSO has a marketing group who connects with the radio and TV stations as well as member requests.

AFG Connects reported that our listings have doubled since last year with the US and Canada (working for better accuracy in Canada).

Next P.O.C.'s meeting will focus on: *Reinforcing the Chain of Command with Districts and Groups*. Most members start with WSO and the Area P.O.C. can also be a resource. Additional agenda item will be: How to encourage members to participate and consider standing for Area P.O.C.

WSO has opening for At Large Committee Member that requires at least 5 years of Al-Anon experience, look for announcement In The Loop. This is a one-year term but can serve up to six years. Resumes are due by October 29<sup>th</sup>. I would like to add Delegates after one year are also eligible to be a At Large Committee Member as well. Additionally, there will be an upcoming project called Operation Alateen.

**Thought Force: Fiscal versus Calendar Budget Year – Leslie T.**

Committee facilitator presented the charge and KBDM questions and provided following recommendation:

- Switch to the calendar year for at least a 2-year trial effective Jan 2022.
- In the future this would coincide with the change in AWSC Treasurers, taking over the budget, bank accounts and all other financial related items at the calendar year when they assume office.
- Gives the out-going and in-coming Treasurers 3 months to work together to effect a smooth transition.
- Continue current year budget from Assembly in Sept 2021 to Dec 31, 2021.

**MOTION:** *WE MOVE THAT THE BUDGET BE MOVED BACK TO A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS, USING DATES JAN. 1 THROUGH DEC. 31; AND THE REMAINDER OF THE 2020-2021 BUDGET BE EXTENDED TO COINCIDE WITH OUR CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET. THIS WILL BE FOR A TWO-YEAR TRIAL STARTING IN 2022. PASSED 25 YES 0 (ZERO) NO 2 ABSTENTIONS*

**Anonymity Skit:** Ramona L. and Candy L. presented a skit about Anonymity. Enjoyed by all.

**Nevada Area Newsletter Thought Force Guideline – Sandi S.**

Charge: Brainstorm and suggest components for a Nevada Newsletter Guideline, incorporating ideas from the 2019 Newsletter Thought Force, the WSO Guideline for Newsletter Editors (G-21), and any other resources. Remain mindful that mailing is not the optimal way of delivering the newsletter and that the role of the NV Area Newsletter Editor/Coordinator is already defined. Possible Task Force to write guideline handbook could be updated. Thought force members: Tina, Ramona B, Holly and Sandi

**Suggested components for Nevada Al-Anon Newsletter**

Al-Anon Times - name	Applicable dates - of the Newsletter
<b>AWSC Reports</b>	
NV Area Delegate	NV Alternate Delegate and Group Records
NV Area Chair	NV Area Secretary
NV Area Treasurer	NV AIS Liaisons - North and South
NV Area Literature Coordinator	NV Area Alateen Coordinator & AAPP
NV Area Assy. Committee Coordinator	NV Public Outreach Coordinator
District Representatives	Spanish Liaison Coordinator
Web Coordinator	
<b>Other Information</b>	
Area Events	Area Service Positions Available
News from WSO	Writing process for submissions
Personal shares as space available	Size limit - keep in mind reader ability to download and view

## **Conflicting Dates when Scheduling Area Assemblies Thought Force – Michal H.**

**Background:** The Area Assemblies are usually held the third weekend in March and September. There are conflicting events that occasionally fall on those weekends. Some of our members who have an interest in attending the assemblies, have a conflict with other commitments and cannot attend the Area Assembly. We are guided by the spiritual principles of the program and our Legacies including unity, harmony, and participation.

**Charge:** Brainstorm and identify the common religious/spiritual holidays to ensure that the scheduling of the Area Assembly is not conflicting with these commitments. Remain mindful of AA Assemblies, other AA/Al-Anon events and gatherings that are scheduled at the current meeting place.

Resources: used the Pew Research Center (<https://www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study/state/nevada/>) and found Christian, Jewish and Muslim have the greatest number in US/NV. Used Internet resources identify holidays for these three religions that occur in March and September. Then reviewed dates to determine if there would be a conflict with the Area Assembly held on the third weekend. Common dates between the Area Assembly and the Religious observances, could create a conflict for some Al-Anon members. Additionally, considered was the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, based on Gregorian calendar. Searched for conflicting dates between the fall of 2021 through the fall of 2025.

1. What do we know about our members' needs? Members would like our GRs and other interested Al-Anon members to attend Assembly without religious conflicts.
  - a. We wish we knew the religious faith of our members but obtaining that information in a survey or other method would be inappropriate and could break anonymity.
  - b. Some members have personal/family conflicts on the third weekends of March and September, however addressing personal conflicts is outside the scope of this Thought Force's charge.
2. What do we know about the current resources and our vision for the group? Internet resources included <https://Registrar.richmond.edu>, <http://jewishillini.org>, <https://www.sheepandgoat.com/ethniccalendar>, and <https://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/islam/>.
  - a. The Area Chair schedules assemblies after assuming office for the three years of their term based on the availability of the Tonopah convention center.
  - b. Considering Concept 4 (Participation is the key to harmony), our vision for the group is to have as many people attend the Area Assembly as possible.
  - c. What do we wish we knew, but don't? Availability of the Tonopah Convention Center.
3. What do we know about current realities today, i.e., the Pros and Cons? There was a conflict with the Fall 2020 Area Assembly with Rosh Hashanah on the same dates, hence this Thought Force was formed to prevent future conflicts.
  - a. The Area Chair has some flexibility with scheduling the Assembly.
  - b. What do we wish we knew, but don't? AA Area Assembly Dates, and AA/Al-Anon events and gatherings that are scheduled at the current meeting place. We do not know all the potential date conflicts.
4. What are the ethical implications of our choices? In other words, will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles? (Unity, Equality, etc.). It is important to respect everyone's religion and we want the Area Assembly to be as inclusive as possible. To be consistent with our principles, we want to be open minded toward the religious practices of all our members. By showing respect and being open minded we are also being of service to our members.

## **Recommendation:**

1. The Thought Force Committee found that Rosh Hashanah will begin at sunset on September 15

and conclude at sunset on September 17, 2023. The third weekend of September in 2023 when the Area Assembly is typically held is September 15-17 and therefore conflicts with this Jewish holiday. The Committee recommends that the Area Assembly be scheduled on a different weekend in 2023.

2. A secondary recommendation is to have the outgoing Area Chair contract with the Tonopah Convention Center for the Assemblies the first year of the new Area Chair. There are so many things to learn and do for the incoming Chair, to have the reservations confirmed would be one less thing needing their attention.
3. We recommend that the Area Chair look at potential conflicts in the future, based on the data we have provided, prior to scheduling assemblies and that this be added to the Area Chairman service role description going forward found in the NV Area Al-Anon/Alateen Handbook.

**Discussion:**

Could send Alternate GR if GR not able to attend, changing dates does not seem realistic, other members, at times, have conflicting dates that are not religious and may not attend. Determined to leave as Area Chairperson’s responsibility to schedule Area Assemblies based on availability of meeting location and when possibly could consider other holidays, religious or not.

**Writing Workshop – Jan R.**

Assembly members took time to do some writing for sharing that can be used in Forum, NV Newsletter and at Meetings. Suggested to: share your story, share from the heart, share about having courage to recover, write a spiritual sharing, or even a 50 – 75-word share for “zip” section of the Forum. There were break out rooms and when return to Assembly members could share what they wrote or submit to Jan and she will forward to WSO. Jan’s packet included writing guidelines and reminded members that the writing is from “AFG Members in AFG publications.”

**Area Assembly Speaker – Judy K. – Past Delegate panel 48 – Shared her personal journey in Al-Anon**

After announcements by Area Chair, Tracy B., meeting closed at 3:55PM with Al-Anon Declaration

Sunday 9/19/2021

Area Assembly opened Sunday 9/19/2021 at 9:00 AM with Welcome, Serenity Prayer, reading of Steps, Traditions, Reading from Hope for Today page 234 (Concept 3)

Roll Call: (Note registration reflected different count this is actual roll call numbers)

Date	Position	District	Number
<b>Sunday 9/19/2021</b>	AWSC		<b>17</b>
<b>20 equal 2/3 vote</b>	<b>Substantial Unanimity</b>		<b>29</b>
<b>Sunday 9/19/2021</b>	<b>Group Representatives</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Sunday 9/19/2021</b>	<b>Group Representatives</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Sunday 9/19/2021</b>	<b>Group Representatives</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Sunday 9/19/2021</b>	<b>Group Representatives</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sunday 9/19/2021</b>	<b>Group Representatives</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Sunday 9/19/2021</b>	<b>Group Representatives</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Southwest Regional Trustee Attend 2022 Fall NV Area Assembly – Janet P.**

Janet provided information as to what a Trustee is and who our Trustee for our Region is, Cindy M. Discussion about, rough estimate of travel \$ 1,000 - \$1,400. Tracy, as Area Chair, will invite Cindy and if accepted, then a request for permission from WSO Executive Committee will be submitted by Robin P.

**MOTION:** MOTION TO INVITE AND PAY ACTUAL EXPENSES FOR SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRUSTEE TO ATTEND FALL AREA ASSEMBLY 2022. PASSED 25 YES, 1 NO, 0 (ZERO) ABSTENTIONS

**SWRDM / Additional Area Officers Attendance: Tina B. (NV Guideline #3)**

Topic presented that in Fall 2020 the Assembly voted to send Area Chair and Area Treasurer to the 2021 SWRDM in New Mexico. That meeting changed to being a ZOOM format at no cost to the Area. The Guideline # 3, states Area Officers (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) can be paid for attendance to the SWRDM providing an appropriate motion is passed at the prior Area Assembly authorizing funds for any portion of the expenses from its officers. The 2022 SWRDM will be held March 11 – 13, 2022 in Tucson, AZ. Lively and informative discussion of who are the NV Area Officers interested in attending, what purpose would be, and benefit to the NV Area. The Assembly members put forth a motion, listed below.

**MOTION:** MOTION TO REIMBURSE THE AREA OFFICER'S EXPENSES TO ATTEND 2022 SWRDM NOT TO EXCEED \$ 1,800.00. PASSED 24 YES, 3 NOT, 0 (ZERO) ABSTENTIONS

**Electronic Meeting Work Group – Robin P.**

Documents provided for review of the transforming process regarding electronic meetings determining if they are part of an Area. Summary of questions is there will be an upcoming workshop. Questions as follows:

- Is a current electronic meeting in NV assigned to NV Area – No, not at this time.
- Will groups have group officer? Once approved at 2022 conference yes this is a possibility.
- Would NV Area Assembly then have to become hybrid so the electronic officers could attend? Still, something to be figured out in the future. Yes, would have to be guidance for registration.
- Would this include phone meetings? Yes, phone meetings would be included.
- How do we define geographical location for an electronic meeting? Is it where the meeting was started and who are the attendees? Does NV even want to include electronic meetings in the Area? Basically, just a discussion and not urgent to decide.
- Possibly look at members not just location of who originated the meeting? Still a work in progress.
- If you are temporary, will you stay in NV Area? Starting conversation now because when approved at Conference then and only then would an Area affiliation would have to be determined. Temp will stay in effect until individual groups decide to meet in person.
- Int'l meetings from everywhere in a current permanent status.
- What other Area input has Robin heard? Fellow Delegate's getting conversation started.

**Translation discussion – Tracy B.**

AWSC presented information about forming a Task Force to discuss payment for interpretation at Area Assembly.

- Opinion AWSC discussed and then the Charge writing work group could write a charge.
- Currently have members donating their time and yes, creating a Task Force would be reasonable.
- GR comment that felt while all volunteers that translation is necessary
- Communication for GR's to understand that AWSC has identified this is a potential need. Are there GR's willing to be part of the Task Force.
- Spanish Liaison has had a challenge in finding volunteers to interpret.
- Unclear why need a Task Force – assumed already being paid.
- Reference to Tradition 8 – employ special workers – but NV Area is not employer

Summary recommendation that this need has been identified and group consensus to form a Task Force. Agreement to have Charge Writing Work group generate a charge.

### **AWSC and GR Ideas – Tracy B.**

- How to keep members unified in Zoom meetings?
- How do we make sure members voices heard?
- Frustration in Zoom meetings?
- How to return information to the groups?

### **GR's shared about what and how groups communicate.**

- One page summary of Area Assembly with bullet points to share with the group.
- Address low attendance since pandemic, frustrating for GR's to keep going.
- Some members just found showing up was what it took.
- Some groups chose phone conference call "vs" electronic (Zoom, Skype, Facetime), some using the phone even in the face-to-face.
- Could invite someone to attend and be a speaker at your meeting.
- Maybe a Zoom coordinator at group level.

### **District 1 Representative Report: Karen S.**

This has been another challenging year for everyone, but we are still here for all the groups in District 1. We recently added another meeting, Refuge, to our district and we lost a meeting also, Mesquite's Wednesday AM meeting. Refuge has been having meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month but starting Oct 4 they are moving to Mondays at 6:30PM every week. They are located at the LGBTQ Center in Las Vegas. It has been a challenge to get GRs to attend the District 1 meetings that are held on Zoom. District 1 has a lot of Spanish speaking meetings, and we understand that they have their own intergroup meetings, but we would love to have some participation from GRs who are bilingual at our meetings. Our meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of odd number months at 1PM on Zoom. I have been sending out emails to all GRs that I have information on from WSO. If you are a GR in District 1 and are not receiving my emails, please let me know which group you are representing and your email address in a private chat to me so that I can get you added to the email list. It's important to be able to pass on information to your groups. We average 3-5 GRs at our meetings.

We just filled the secretary position that had been open for a few months at our last District meeting Aug 12, 2021. The only position still open is the District 1 Public Outreach Liaison. I did find out from a member recently that works at a state office in Las Vegas that after years of having AA listed as a resource on their Mental Health Spectrum magazine, they have added Al-Anon as a resource.

District 1 currently has \$1770 in our account, which includes a \$500 prudent reserve.

Our next meeting will be on Zoom on Nov 14, 2021.

### **District 2 Representative Report: Mark M. (Presented by Shannon M.)**

District 2 continues to meet every other month on the second Wednesday of evenly numbered months. The meetings are well attended with usually about seventeen of the twenty-three active groups, at last count, in attendance. All district service positions are currently filled. Meetings will continue to use the Zoom format for the time being.

Our meetings have been lively and engaging, with broad participation by all the trusted servants. An effort is being made to use focus on the Concepts at the beginning of the meetings using Forum readings and member sharing's.

The main efforts in our district have been to keep records updated, which has been especially challenging. Group meeting formats are changing constantly, and it is difficult to stay in communication without the ability to visit the meetings in person. Our Alternate District Representative, Susan T., and various representatives of our AIS have been working diligently to keep our records current. This is a necessary and much appreciated service. Without their efforts, we could not be sure that those in need would be able to access a meeting.

Our former District Rep, Jill J. has been engaged in doing outreach by attempting to bring meetings and

speakers into the treatment facilities of Step 2 and Reno Behavioral Health. And I have been contacted by a longtime member looking to start a daytime meeting in Sparks when conditions allow. If anyone has interest in either of those service opportunities, you can email me, and I will put you in contact with the proper members.

In short, District 2 is continuing to function in challenging times, offering courage, strength, and hope to our members.

**District 3 Representative Report: Rita L.**

District 3 boundaries start from California State line East of I-15 to East Sahara Avenue in Las Vegas to Arizona State Line. (Towns include Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, Paradise Valley, Laughlin, and Green Valley). I am more than halfway through my current term as District Representative, and it has been a great learning experience so far. What has the District been up to since the last assembly?

- 1) We've continued to have District meetings on Zoom which have been well attended, with at least 4 or more people at each meeting. We are still ending each meeting with an Al-Anon member sharing on a Tradition. This has been quite successful and I'm grateful to the Al-Anon members who have been willing to share.
- 2) We've gotten steady support from our groups and are continuing to receive donations from active groups, thanks to all for practicing the 7th Tradition and supporting your District. As a result, we donated \$200 to WSO and \$100 to AIS.
- 3) Lastly, we will be having our Zoom speaker meeting in October, more information to come!

Our next District meeting will be on October 9 on Zoom.

**District 4 Representative Report: Fred H.**

District 4 meetings are in flex. Due the new restrictions some meetings have started to have hybrid meetings. Other meetings continue to meet to face but behind a mask.

Several our members from the Lake Tahoe area had to be evacuated due to the Caldor Fire. Fire fighters are getting this fire under control, so those many that evacuated are back home and back to meetings.

At our last District Business Meeting, which was held on August 21st, the Group Representatives decided on dispersing some of the district's surplus funds. The GRs decided on sending \$1,500 to the WSO. They also decided to reimburse two members for Zoom service used by District 4.

We still have two positions up that need to be filled. Alternate District Representative and the District Secretary positions. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these two positions. There are also GR needed for number of groups. We will give this over to our Higher Power.

**District 5 Representative Report: Ira W.**

District five will be putting on a workshop entitled **Maintaining My Serenity Under My Mask**. The workshop is scheduled for November 6th, at 10:30 am until 12:30 pm on Zoom. We are planning to have three or four speakers who will discuss health such as mental, emotional, physical, and financial. After the speakers there will be group participation. Keep an eye out for our flyer on the area website or the November newsletter.

On November 13th, the four Pahrump groups will be having a speaker meeting. It will be a live meeting at the Pahrump Library and will be a potluck. Keep an eye out for more details.

The District five groups are struggling due to the current conditions and state guidelines for meeting. A lot has happened in a very short time, some Vegas groups were planning to either leave Zoom and go live only or start a hybrid meeting. Then guidelines changed and some facilities require each group to purchase insurance if they want to meet in person. Collecting 7<sup>th</sup> tradition also a challenge. Some

groups holding their own, others have a big drop in attendance. On a positive note, some groups have picked up out-of-state and out-of-country attendance. These groups may stay Zoom so as not to lose members.

Out of the four Pahrump groups two groups, Thursday morning and Thursday evening, are doing well. All Pahrump groups meet in-person only. Wednesday night and Friday night groups have very low attendance. Many of the Pahrump groups have seasonal members, and hopeful attendance will increase come winter. The Beatty group which met regularly for about a year has disbanded at least for the time being. One of the active members of the Beatty group is trying to get the group back together.

Before I close my report, I would like to thank the AWSC in general and Tracy specifically for listening to the GR's from District five. At a previous district meeting the GR's let me know that they didn't think that the AWSC was listening to them with regards to the Assembly. I had a conversation with the AWSC expressing District 5 members concerns. Tracy immediately set up a survey to determine who was coming to the in-person assembly to which eventually led to a Zoom only meeting. Again, District 5 members thank you.

**Open Microphone and Closing:** Tracy read from Having Had a Spiritual Awakening, "God with Skin". Thanked everyone who attended, voted, participated, service work, grateful to all of you. Thank you for attending.

Members shared about the NV Area Assembly, closed 11:40 AM with the Al-Anon Declaration

**Reminder: Next NV Area Assembly scheduled for March 19 – 20, 2022**  
**Mark your calendar**

Respectfully submitted, Denise S. NV Area Secretary, Panel 60