

NCWSA Assembly Minutes
September 8-10, 2006
Doubletree Hotel, Modesto, CA

Note: The meeting minutes for this meeting are not chronologically ordered. In an attempt to make the minutes more easily used as a reference, the minutes will be ordered in a topical fashion.

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Meeting ran during the following times on each day

Friday September 8: DR Meeting and GR Orientation:

Saturday, September 9: 8:15 am - 11:55 am

1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Sunday, September 10: 8:10 am - 1:05 pm

Daily Business:

- Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties were read at the beginning of each day.
- Roll call was taken each morning by the Secretary and the voting procedures were reviewed.
- Chairperson welcomed the assembly on Saturday and introduced the "Good Job" cheer for the weekend.
- On Saturday Morning the assembly was reminded to review the minutes for approval later in the day.

Voting Counts:

Saturday 8:45 am: 174

Sunday 10:15 am: 146

Motions

Motion #200609.01 (Passed: Substantial Unanimity)

Move: Paul S.

Second: Jim R.

Motion Text: That the NCWSA adopt the rule that for future assemblies we require conference space with sufficient seating and tables for all attendees.

Discussion:

- To lock the area into a requirement can have unintended financial consequences.
- This is already in the assembly guidelines.
- We need to have comfortable accommodations for GRs who have to sit for 20 hours. Cost is additional, but it shouldn't be prohibitive
- I do not have a table, but I'm perfectly comfortable

- What is the cost per table? *Facilities did not have any numbers. The guidelines do not say classroom style.*
- If GRs want specific items for assembly, then bids need to be made. For example, no bids were made for Assembly 2007. Make sure your bid proposal includes what you want.
- If we're concerned with expenses, then we should increase the registration price.
- All GRs should have the same appointments, tables or no. There should not be what we have this year, which is some with tables and others without.

Motion #200609.02 (Not Passed):

Move: Tammy

Second: Laura

Motion Text: To remove the tables on the assembly floor to expand the seating area for the entire assembly. This should be done as soon as reasonably possible.

Discussion:

- Let's keep going, and wait until tomorrow.
- It would be disruptive to do this immediately, can we have them take care of it tonight after assembly.
- This could be done during the dinner break to make it less disruptive.
- Why can't we just leave it? I got here later; I didn't get a table, that's just my bad luck. Let's leave it, and get our jobs done.
- Leave the seating as is, and just stretch it out a bit.
- Can we bring more tables in?
- Would they put us in another room?
- The convention center is booked. There are no other rooms. This is as many tables as can be fit.
- Can we have people swap? If someone is uncomfortable, please ask to sit at a table, and we can swap.

Motion #200609.03 (Passed: Unanimous):

Move: Laurie, D24

Second: Shannon, D13

Motion Text: To approve the minutes as amended and thank the current secretary.

Corrections:

- Several spelling errors and typos were pointed out.
- The literature report was omitted erroneously.

Motion #200609.04 (Passed: 105 Yes, 67 No, 13 Abstain):

Move: Jenae Hatton

Second: Pattie Rey

Motion Text: NCWSA grant WCAC \$2000 to go into the general account of WCAC. The financial guidelines of NCWSA will be followed by WCAC.

Note: See WCAC under New Business for more information and discussion of this topic.

Discussion:

- The Chairperson clarified that the motion does not include stipulation for a budget.
- Will the committee revise with stipulation of having an estimated budget? *The committee would like the motion to stand as written.*
- The NCWSA financial guidelines ensure monthly audits of the WCAC expenditures by the treasurer. So money will be accounted for, but not budgeted.

- The Chairperson reminded the WCAC committee that if this motion is declined, the NCWSA Convention committee does budget for their convention, and will be available to help the WCAC committee come up with a budget for their conference.

Motion #200609.05 (Passed: Substantial Unanimity):

Move: Julie T.

Second: Lauri M.

Motion Text: That a basket be passed at this assembly with the proceeds going to WCAC.

Motion #200609.06 (Passed: 102 Yes, 69 No, 15 Abstain):

Move: Elaine Snyder

Second: Lori Kenney

Motion Text: That motion 0509.07 be tabled until Assembly 2007 and that GRs take this motion back to their groups to obtain input before the 2007 Assembly.

Motion #200609.07 (Passed: Substantial Unanimity):

Move: Shannon J. D13

Second: Richard P. D26

Motion Text: That the budget be accepted as amended.

Discussion:

- We are a non-profit agency. We are not supposed to have a profit. Why are we keeping money and why aren't we designating money that we make to be passed on? *There is a misconception that because we are a not-for-profit agency that we cannot make money year-for-year. This is not true. For any corporation to grow, you must make more than you take in. The designation "not-for-profit" means that no one person profits from the money brought in. The difference is that for a for-profit corporation, there are not shareholders who share in the profits.*
- Are we budgeting less for income for conventions than for expenses? Why are we expecting to make less money than we take in? The numbers are budgeting for a loss. *Recommendation was made to increase the convention income to 14000.*
- Do we have a reserve fund? Can we have a reserve fund to bail out any event that is not profitable and always have our events budgeted to break even? *We prefer to budget realistically for actual events.*
- The reason the convention expenses appear so low is because of changes in recording of expenses because of the use of the new credit card.
- Since we have control over the registration fee, we should change that to balance that portion of the budget.
- If the plan is for the Assembly and Convention to pay for itself then we should show these as balanced events and state that intent with the budget showing those as breaking even.
- Line 6z will go to 7000, 7z will go to 14000, and line 10z will go to 40,200.

Motion #200609.08 (Passed: Substantial Unanimity):

Move: Cathy F.

Second: Susan S.

Motion Text: That the October 2005 Election Assembly Minutes be approved as amended.

Discussion:

- Clarification as to the required majority for each officer position was requested as an amendment.
- Clarification on one of the announcements was requested.

Motion #200609.09 (Tabled):

Move: Pam C.

Second: Brenda W.

Motion Text: That we consider other 12-Step program members to be included in the dual membership consideration (i.e. Narcotics Anonymous, CODA, OA, Gamblers Anonymous). Meaning that their primary spiritual aim could directly conflict with our 12 steps, traditions, and concepts of service.

Motion #200609.10 (Withdrawn):

Move: Stephen R.

Second: Lisa B.

Motion Text: For all future assemblies, whenever possible, provide padded chairs for all attendees. At a minimum provide padded chairs for those who request them for medical reasons. For all future assemblies reserve at the group rate a number of rooms equal to at least half of the number of attendees expected.

Motion #200609.11 (Not Voted):

Move: Pam Davis

Second: Georgia Berry

Motion Text: NCWSA should make every effort to provide the most updated and current agenda to Assembly attendees prior to the beginning of Assembly

Discussion:

- The Chair addressed this issue, stating that this is already part of the NCWSA guidelines. The situation this year was unique because the prior secretary did not provide minutes and information in a timely fashion.

Motion #200609.12 (Tabled and referred to ad hoc committee):

Move: Judith P.

Second: Julieta D.

Motion Text: That NCWSA provide instantaneous translation in Spanish, using electronic devices for group representatives in all future assemblies.

Motion #200609.13 (Tabled and referred to ad hoc committee):

Move: Dorene C.

Second: Julie T.

Motion Text: That at each assembly NCWSA provide a designated Spanish language interpreter, either volunteer or paid, for our Spanish-speaking members.

Motion #200609.14 (Tabled and referred to ad hoc committee):

Move: Robin Egan

Second: Carol G.

Motion Text: That the facilities coordinator be required to ensure that there is an interpreter available, at least Hispanic, whether it be an Al-Anon member attending assembly, or through an interpretation service at the location or in the city where any said assembly is to be held. This would also include sign language, if necessary.

Elections

There were no elections

Committee Reports

Alateen Safety Committee (John S., Art B.)

The Safety Committee Chair, Vic was not present. All members of the committee present were recognized to the assembly. It has now been two years since the requirement was passed. Part of the requirement

included several items that were on the to-be-decided list. One of these items was to perform background checks. Last year's assembly voted to finance background checks. As of this point they are not a requirement, they are voluntary. \$900 have been spent on 50 sponsor candidates from January to July of this year. There have been no failures. This year, the committee has reviewed the other items on the list that were left for discussion. Having two sponsors at every Alateen meeting has not been made a requirement because it seems too onerous. It is still recommended that there are two sponsors, one male, one female. Here is a summary of the discussion and decisions they have made (this information will be included in guideline B-17, which will be available on ncwsa.org in the next few weeks):

- Permissible behavior before, during and after any Alateen meeting or activity, between Alateen members and AI-Anon members involved in Alateen service: AI-Anon members involved with Alateen service are required to have the permission of the parent or guardian form of the Alateen member whenever he or she interacts with the Alateen member, or whenever they meet, including before, during, or after an Alateen meeting, whether alone or with others. Parental permission is implied when an Alateen member is at an Alateen meeting or Alateen function and the adult is an AI-Anon member involved in Alateen service.
- Relationship of Alateen conferences and other weekend conventions and conferences to the Area structure: In order to use the Alateen name in the geographic area served by NCWSA, Alateen conferences and other conferences that include Alateen activities are required to abide by the NCWSA Requirement for Alateen Member Safety, register their intention to do so by notifying the area Alateen safety administrator, have procedures placed into service for their function and place the following statement on any flyers publicizing their activities, "The [name of conference or convention] abide by the NCWSA Requirement for Alateen Member Safety.
- Location of Alateen meetings: We recommend that Alateen groups meet at the same time and place as an AI-Anon family group, and if unable to, that the Alateen group obtain an AI-Anon family group, district, or AIS to sponsor the Alateen group.
- Behavior concerning race, gender or other slurs: We recommend that the proper use of the AI-Anon and Alateen program does not allow for gender, racial or other slurs before, during or after an Alateen meeting.
- Avoiding one on one interactions: When engaged on one-on-one interaction, extreme caution is the key. Inform another sponsor or other AI-Anon member of your whereabouts, and avoid meeting in isolated places. This is for the protection of both the sponsor and the teen.
- Appropriate ratio of adults to Alateen members: Two AI-Anon members involved in Alateen service, one male, one female, are recommended at every meeting that includes Alateen members for activities where more than fifty teens are present, we recommend that at least one AI-Anon member involved in Alateen service be present for every 10 Alateen members.
- Transporting Alateen member to and from events: The A-27-7 NCWSA Travel and Treatment form is required when an AI-Anon member involved in Alateen service has taken responsibility for transporting an Alateen member to or from any event, meeting, conference, or assembly.
- Educational training and awareness programs: We recommend that each district, intergroup, AIS, and conference who has Alateen groups hold regular meetings with AI-Anon members involved in Alateen service to discuss issues that come up, utilizing the tools provided by the AFG headquarters and the NCWSA and other documents, etc. which might be appropriate.

Discussion:

- The entire text of guideline B-17 will be voted on next year, since next year will mark the end of the original three year trial period voted on by the 2004 assembly. Please review this with your groups. The intent is to vote this into place permanently.
- Don't know what you have done in looking for costs. Because our meeting is at a youth community center, it did not cost me anything because fingerprinting was done by the youth center.
- Keep in mind that fingerprinting done by another agency which requires fingerprinting, for purposes other than for the explicit purpose of becoming an Alateen sponsor will not be communicated to NCWSA and does not meet the requirement as outlined by the NCWSA Requirement for Alateen Member Safety. The key to being fingerprinted is to use the NCWSA ORI number. Without that, the Alateen safety administrator will not be notified.

- I happen to work for the DOJ. What John said is true. The question may be why do we have to pay. It sounds like because of where you went, some other agency paid for the fingerprint. NCWSA is billed directly for the record review and FBI review. The fingerprinting process is always billed at the time of service.
- Reminder that districts were asked to try to pay for their members fingerprinting. If you can't of course the Area will pay. No member should be denied sponsorship because of inability to pay.
- Don't pay more than \$18-25. If someone is trying to charge you more, then go somewhere else, they are trying to charge you for the search, and the Area is already paying for that.
- A recommendation was made to translate the guideline into Spanish prior to the next assembly.

Executive Committee Report (Joan W.)

Introduced the purpose of the Executive Committee by reading the bylaws: The executive committee shall have five directors and collectively they will be known as the EC. There number may increase by a majority vote of the members of NCWSA. As a non-profit, the EC acts as the board of directors, as required by law, and by the bylaws of NCWSA. The term of the EC is 18 months. Members are DRs from the North, Central, and South sections of the area plus, two members-at-large.

Responsibilities:

- Met Friday night before assembly. Their first meeting was in May at the committee meeting. Chris and Bonnie were elected as EC secretaries and Joan W. as the chair.
- Business activities are conducted by or under the direction of the EC
- Approved the financial assistants for the 2007 Convention and H&I Conference.
- They will meet at each committee meeting. They also meet online.
- October meeting they will interview two officers in their capacity of oversight of officers. These will be the Secretary and the Alternate Delegate.
- Review completion and distribution of Assembly minutes and other timely documents.
- Any business that comes from the assembly will be reviewed by the EC and discussed at their October meeting.

Budget Committee Report (John S.)

- The budget committee has not met. John accepts responsibility for this.
- They will try to meet before the October committee meeting.

NoCAC Committee (Justin)

- NoCAC flyers are at the Assembly
- Bash was a lot of fun
- Last Chance Dance is 9/30 in Dublin, with a battle of the bands
- T-Shirts are available, sweatshirts will also be available

Web Committee

Web Site Committee members are Joe G., Bruce D., Art B. & Jim S. Other volunteers at the district level keep the independent and separate pages updated. Thank you for volunteering to work on the committee and your time in working on updates and additions.

- There were many changes submitted and resolved since the beginning of 2006.
 - 74 – Dependant district & AIS meeting schedule changes and additions
 - 88 – Calendar changes and additions
 - 147 – E-mail questions submitted and responded to via the web site
- The Sacramento AIS (Districts 6-10) has become an independent web site linked from the NCWSA Web Site. A very nice job has been done in the design of this web site and it is very user friendly. We are working on coordinating District 23 to be an independent web site.
- The web site www.ncwsa.org received about 2 million hits in the last 12 months. This was about twice as many hits compared to the WSO's web site.
- Costs for this service continue to be minimal – approximately \$350 per year. Another way to look at it is that for every 4,200 hits, NCWSA pays \$1.00.

- A request was denied to link to documents and forms on the WSO Web Site password protected are at <http://www.al-anon.org/members>. Follow the instructions on the page to log in which is your meeting name plus “, afg” at the end. Specific requests were for the Service Manual updates. A complete Service Manual, in PDF format, can be downloaded from this site under the WSO Members link under Group Services and Service Manual.
- The web site committee is continuing to remove Alateen meetings that do not have a WSO registration number. A list of those meetings removed will be sent to the local District Representative or AIS Liaison. If a meeting has been removed and it is registered please reply with the WSO # for that meeting and we will research the meeting and add it back to schedule if appropriate.
- If your district or AIS needs any NCWSA Web Site updates for the calendar or meeting list please submit them to the web site committee via any of the e-mail addresses located. We continue to process meeting changes and add events as we receive them. We now convert event flyers into PDF format which allows anyone, regardless of operating system or browser, to view the page.
- Please put something descriptive in the subject line otherwise it might be tagged as spam. We receive about 1,000 e-mails per week where only about 3% are applicable to Al-Anon the rest are spam. We currently have 2 members making regular updates to our web site. They are put in the queue for update so if I don't get back with you right away please be patient.
- Yours in Service, Jim S. NCWSA Web Site Chair

Convention Committee

- “Having Had a Spiritual Experience” is the theme for the 2007 NCWSA Al-Anon and Alateen Convention. We, the convention committee have been busy making plans for this event. We are really excited about the upcoming convention! We listened to the convention attendees from the 2006 convention, who requested the Lake Tahoe area.
- The 2007 Convention will be held at Squaw Valley! What a place to have a Spiritual Experience!!! It will be held April 27-29, 2007. Pre-registration is \$20.00 for Al-Anon and AA members and \$10.00 for Alateens. Due date for pre-registration is March 24, 2007. After this Date it will be \$30.00 Al-Anon and AA and \$15.00 for Alateens.
- Squaw Valley has condos instead of just the hotels we are so use to. The “suite rates” are as follows.
- One-bedroom suites, which sleep up to 4 people, are \$119.00 per night.
- One bedroom w/ extra den, sleeps 6, and is \$129.00 per night.
- Two-bedroom suite, which sleeps 6 is \$189.00
- And Three-bedroom suite, sleeps 8, and is \$\$279.00
- All have full kitchen in them, refrigerator, stove, oven, and microwave.
- All of our positions are filled with the exceptions of a few co-chairs.
- Volunteers are still needed to make this happen, please see volunteer flyer in convention packet. If you are interested or you know any one who needs to get into service work!!!!, please call the committee member who is chairing that position.
- The Alateen Chairs, Courtney and Crystal, from Fairfield, (Don't let their similar appearance confuse you) are working on the first Alateen Scholarship Fundraiser which is going to be held in October 28th At the Redwood City Library. (See flyer)
- Carl is our Entertainment Chair and is planning Recovery Variety Show!!! So anyone wanting to sing a song, dance, share a poem, put on a skit, share a special talent, or what ever please contact Carl S.(see flyer) Oh yes he has asked that it be kept at a PG rating, of course!!!
- Remember many volunteers will be needed to make this a success. My favorite saying from Uncle Jimmy, “Many hands make light work”!!!

Love in Service, Jane D., Convention Chair

Coordinator Reports

12-Stepper Editor

- The summation of our Al-Anon recovery is reflected by the confidence in our efforts, we commit to sharing our gifts and we accept that our spiritual life is an ongoing process. By giving, the program grows, and we carry the Al-Anon message to others. It's really not that different from what happens in good therapy, where the goal is not perpetual reliance on the expert, but rather the incorporation of something he/she offers—then it's part of the person, and they carry it wherever they go. Thus this paper is to share what you have for others to benefit. I don't have much to report about my efforts since you receive The Stepper. But of utmost importance I am requesting YOUR IDEAS and YOUR DIRECTION for the next, December Issue.

Alateen Coordinator

If you have an event supporting Alateen in your District please let us know.

Here's what's been going on the last few months. Always more to do but it is One Day at a Time, one event at a time and one project at a time.

- Attended the Growing Together Weekend at Westminster Woods. Did a Sponsors workshop and provided Alateen Sponsor workbooks to any Sponsors attending Woods.
- Attended District 18's sponsor meeting in June and spoke to sponsors and provided information on events and new requirements. District 18 has a sponsor's meeting after their District meeting.
- Sponsoring a pre-teen meeting in my home District starting in July. Slow to get started, one kid for the first month then 5 and now 10. Experienced pre-teen sponsors, please send me your ideas for activities and what works with the younger kids. The starburst Alateen game is a big hit and so is the slogans puzzle.
- Attended SCAC in July with a group of sponsors and teens. Attended sponsors meeting. Talked to teens and sponsors about attending NOCAC.
- Participated in WSO pilot project "Web Talk" Alateen On-line Bulletin Board as a sponsor in July. Idea is still catching on and unfortunately is slow to get started and we did not have much teen support and participation. WSO has extended the pilot and needs Teen participation and feedback.
- Spoke to sponsors and DR in Ukiah, District 2, about information to help get 3 new meetings going by fall. Unable to attend District speaker/workshop Aug meeting on Alateen but Ari went and shared her experience, strength and hope. District is very enthusiastic about finally getting Alateen going.
- Attended the NOCAC Bash the end of August in Big Sur. Picked up a T-shirt and flyer for NOCAC 2006 – Surfing to Sanity. NOCAC committee is gearing up for the big weekend in November 10, 11, and 12 at the San Jose Holiday Inn. Final fundraiser will be September 30th. Look for more info soon. Hope to have a Sponsors workshop at NOCAC.
- Still need feedback on the survey regarding Alateen Traditions – WSO delegates to vote on whether to keep or change the Alateen Traditions. Please voice your opinion on the survey and return by NOCAC 2006. Information will be provided to Sandi C., our Delegate, to take to next year's conference. "Participation is the key to Harmony" – Concept 10
- At the request of WSO spoke to GR in Alaska trying to get Alateen going in the interior. Shared ideas and experience and will keep in touch.
- Planning to speak in October on a service panel in District 17 and conducting an Alateen sponsors' workshop in District 16 at Winter Fest November 4, 2-4pm. See flyer attached. Next year is Alateen's 50th Birthday. Help us celebrate and spread the word. Look for more workshops, special events, conferences and a fall sponsors' retreat at Westminster Woods. Westminster Woods is celebrating 25 years next May.
- Keep an eye out for more info on the WCAC event, a multi-area Alateen conference next summer here in Northern California. WCAC, (West Coast Alateen Conference), needs our continued support. It is not easy getting a new event started. Let's give it our full support.

- Every event needs an Alateen speaker. Have you reminded schools/counselors in your area about Alateen? What has your Al-Anon group done to support Alateen in your area? Are your children attending Alateen? Have you read any Alateen literature? Check it out
- Need more sharings for the Alateen Express. Sharing sheets are available at each event and soon to be available online. Please contact Carl, Express Editor, with your sharings and ideas.
- Let Ari know about what kind of special event or speaker you would like to have for Alateen next year.
- Please contact us if you have questions/info or need help keeping Alateen growing!

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve and grow, Chris Mowrey, Area 3 Alateen Coordinator

Alateen Safety Officer (John S.)

There is quite a bit of paperwork for handling this job. DB is updated this week. DRs have been given listing of all of their sponsors, both inactive and active.

- If the sponsor has an N in the column, that means the Officer has not received the renewal form. The sponsor is inactive. District safety officers will receive a soft copy of the lists in the next few weeks.
- Three renewal forms were delivered this weekend. They were to be entered in by the second week of June. Several DRs compiled all of their information and then forgot to mail the envelope to John.
- Please be sure to provide renewal paperwork. This provides us with information of your ongoing interest. This also gives us a roll-call of sponsors which allows us to communicate with them more effectively
- Many sponsors have dropped off the active list. I suspect this is because many people signed up in the first year after the requirement in order to make sure sponsors were available. They were then unable to find a meeting and now have not renewed. If there are people that are now inactive but do want to be sponsors, please take care of their paperwork immediately.
- With regard to fingerprinting, there have been some glitches in the system. Please bear with us. We are trying to address them. If you have difficulty using the ORI number, or other problems with getting fingerprinted, be assured that NCWSA has everything in place.
- The state of California is about a month behind in their reporting, so fingerprinting done in July will probably not be passed to the safety officer until late August or September.

Discussion:

- Those of us who were DRs or safety administrators have we been automatically inactivated as of us leaving those positions? Yes.
- NoCAC sponsors also have to comply? Yes.
- There may be people who've signed up but don't have a meeting.
- I'm a back-up sponsor, and my meeting is trying to strictly adhere to the two grown-up rule, so I regularly get to act as a sponsor.
- How frequently do you have to renew? Once per year.
- How frequently do you have to get fingerprinted? Once.
- Santa Clara Valley Intergroup (Districts 20, 21, 22) safety administrator Jay got every single sponsor renewed or inactivated before July 1.
- If you're transporting an Alateen do you need to be a registered sponsor? You must have the transport document. The language is somewhat ambiguous. This must be fixed in the final document to be voted on in 2007.
- I'm an Alateen. Thanks to all the Alateen sponsors for going through all this and thanks to the safety committee
- I have some people on my list, but I don't know them, what do I do? Please send the list back the Alateen Safety Officer so he can contact the sponsors that you'd like to.
- I have a transportation form for each Alateen for every child at my meeting so that I can provide a ride home just in case the ride doesn't show up. I also make sure that I meet every parent so that they know who is transporting their kids around.

- The way we dealt with the transport issue is that when I was transporting teens before I became a sponsor, I just make sure that there was a sponsor in the car with me.
- The travel form requirement defines the responsibility of a sponsor. I have teens delivered to a meeting by a social worker; I'm not going to require her to become an Alateen sponsor. I also have teens that are transported by their mother's best friend. I'm not going to require every Al-Anon who delivers an Alateen to my meeting to have a travel form from their parent. This requirement is about protecting the organization of NCWSA, not a requirement for how the public must conduct themselves.
- The requirements are for Al-Anon members who work with teens attending Al-Anon functions. So if an Al-Anon member is driving a teen to an Alateen meeting then that member must have a form. A person not a member of Al-Anon is not bound by this requirement and there is nothing we can do. We can require Al-Anon members to behave in a specific way.
- I am a parent of a very rebellious teenager who would rather die than get my permission for anything. She might participate in Alateen if I didn't know she was attending.

Archives Coordinator

Actually, my duties as District 003 Rep have taken much of my time, but I have done a few things for Archives.

- Since the Area Committee voted to have an Area Archives Committee composed of 3 to 5 members, I first needed to write Guidelines for this Committee. They are fashioned after the Job Description which Carol H., former Coordinator, wrote. Our NCWSA CHAIR has approved them, and now I am waiting for NCWSA BYLAWS approval, as this new committee proceeds with experience, amendments may be made to the guidelines as needed.
- Joe T. at WSO Archives has sent out questionnaires to other Areas asking what their guidelines contain for an Area Archives Committee. Would you believe he even telephoned me to ask if I had anything to add to the questionnaire he e-mailed to me! He also asked if he could use some pictures of NCWSA Archives I sent to WSO, for the Third Quarter Archives Report. Of course, I agreed, but I don't recall WHICH pictures. It will take months for him to put together suggested guidelines from other Areas.
- Next I will contact five or six members who showed interest in Sept 2002, to find out if they are still interested in serving on this committee. Guidelines call for members with at least ten years in Al-Anon. It has not been decided when the Area Committee will meet, whether they will rotate to visit Archives in my home, or if all five members will be called.
- We know that if and when the NCWSA finds office space, Archives will be moved there. But, until then, they remain in my home. This is no imposition on me. There is plenty to do to categorize, record and file material.
- Earlier this year, WSO Archives sent a copy of the original "Why CAL?" written by Alice B. who chaired the WSO Literature Committee for a long time, and is also credited for putting
- ODAT together. There is an excerpt of a letter from Lois W. to Helen W. of Grants Pass, Oregon. An article from an October 1963 Al-Anon Group FORUM about why our literature is copyrighted. Hopefully, copies of these letters will later be used in an Archives Display.
- Again, if you have any material to give to Archives, please categorize it using the Acquisition A=21 form. With a committee to work with, it will be easier for those members to help with archives.
- Recently, Archives received a gold mine. Archives now has a tub of all committee and assembly minutes through the last Panel, to compare with all those already in Archives. This will assure that all minutes are in NCWSA Archives!
- Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Irma C. NCWSA Archives Coordinator

Bylaws and Insurance Coordinator

I'm going to ask that you please listen carefully to my report. I have two pieces of important information for you. And I have good news and bad news

I'll start with the bad news. I know there are some of you out there who have tried contacting me over the last several months and are still waiting to hear back from me, so I have an amends to make. I apologize for my lack of response. I've had some difficult, overwhelming, and stressful issues occurring at work. Consequently, I've neglected my program work and spent virtually no time on it since May. Those work issues have been partially resolved, so I've just this week been able to sort through what's accumulated. I will be getting back to you all and following up on everything over the next several weeks. This includes my alternate and the insurance committee formed at the May meeting. I will be getting in touch with you all soon.

Bylaws and Guidelines

- Fifty copies of our Bylaws and recent revisions are available for sale at the Literature table. They are \$2 per set. If we run out, please pay for a set and leave your name on my list. I'll bring additional copies to our October NCWSC meeting and your DR can give them to you. Anyone who picked up a set at the May meeting, please check your packet. There should be 2 different sets of revisions. If this isn't what your packet contained, please let me know.
- I have received several updates to the guidelines binder. Between now and our October meeting, I will be sending these updates to Jim for updating our website. I will distribute a list of the updated information for your binders at the October NCWSC meeting.
- I continue to learn and grow in my new position. One of the reasons I enjoy doing Service is the recovery I receive doing Service is different from the recovery I receive working the program. However, it does still boil down to the same lessons. The first lesson I learned is that I need a Service Sponsor so I don't isolate myself. I've also been reminded about Progress, not Perfection and about humility. I came into this Service position, energized, motivated and ready to impress you all. Well, I have to say it doesn't feel very impressive and it's certainly very humbling when I know there are people out there waiting to hear back from me. But I've been able to report answers and had new information available at every meeting so far and that's definitely progress. I haven't attained the perfection of having all the insurance issues resolved nor of answering everyone's questions, but I've been reminded to be satisfied with the progress I have made. Thank you for the opportunity to both serve and grow in recovery.

Insurance

- I'm very happy to report that my good news has to do with insurance. I have received a preliminary and tentative answer to our long-standing question about whether groups could obtain insurance through the Area. The preliminary and tentative answer I received from our broker is YES. This 'yes' means that groups whose facilities are requesting insurance certificates can obtain them based on the Area's insurance coverage. Let me repeat again, this is a preliminary and tentative answer. However, our broker has said to go ahead and begin submitting requests for certificates. I will work with the Insurance Committee on the additional research necessary to confirm this.
- So let's start submitting requests. I know there are groups out there who need this. I have an Insurance Certificate Request Form available. It has been distributed to all NCWSC members in your mail folders. DRs, please make copies and distribute to any of your groups who need these certificates. There are also extra copies in the back. Sometime in the next several weeks the form will also be available in the Forms section of our NCWSA website.
- This 'yes' answer also means that coverage is available if your district is having a Day in AI-Anon or a workshop. However, there will likely be a charge for this coverage. The charge will be determined by our insurance company based on a Special Event questionnaire you would have to submit. A very rough, approximate figure for this charge is \$50. These Special Event forms are available in the Forms section of our NCWSA website, form #A26.
- And now, unfortunately, I have to say I'm quite disappointed in the survey response. I received a list of questions from the DRs at the February NCWSC meeting and developed an insurance survey to help research the insurance issues, and distributed it at our May meeting. Out of 27 districts, I received 8 responses. This information is still important and will help the Insurance Committee. I have redistributed the survey to those districts from which I did not receive a reply. Please help us out by completing the survey and returning it to me ASAP! If there's a survey in

your mail folder and you DID submit one, then I apologize because I lost it. Please complete it again and resubmit it.

- The 'yes' answer we received applies only to Liability insurance. There are still other questions about liability insurance and outstanding questions and issues about D&O insurance. Please continue to be patient. As I stated in my May report, it will take time to sort through all the issues, review our current policies, do the research, develop options, and have a final report on the best insurance options available to the Area and to the districts and groups. The Insurance Committee will work on these issues with me and provide updates at future meetings.

In gratitude, Peggy

Diversity

- Please fill out the survey on diversity and contact him to come out to your district.
- At this time I don't a report to give. I am still trying to put a committee together, there has been so much going on.

Facilities Coordinator

- Information on each event is sent out in a missive on the List Serve once each contract is signed. It is up to the DRs and Officers to disseminate the information to those who need it.
- Assembly: DoubleTree in Modesto Sept. 8, 9, 10: Main meeting room was too small and I made a mistake by not specifying "classroom style" seating so all would have a table. This will be corrected for future Assemblies.
- Committee Meeting Oct. 20 and 21: Deal is set. I will stop by the hotel to make sure all is squared a way before we meet there. Call hotel at 510-444-2032. Address is: 444 Embarcadero West Oakland, CA 94607. We have 20 rooms set aside for us @ \$75 per night plus tax. Our hotel room rate includes parking so don't let them charge you.
- Feb. 2 and 3, 2007: This will be at the Lighthouse in Pacific Grove. We have 20 double bedrooms (2 double beds) @ \$129 plus tax and seven rooms with one queen sized bed @ \$79. I have also reserved five rooms with one queen sized bed for Saturday night @ \$89 for those who wish to stay over. Meeting rooms are set.
- Convention 2007: Committee walk-through is scheduled for this weekend at the Village at Squaw Valley in Lake Tahoe. It is about 8 miles south of Interstate 80 at Truckee. Details will be forthcoming after the walk-through. Rooms have one, two and three bedroom suites with kitchens, refrigerators and utensils. Dates are April 27-29, 2007. I will provide Amtrak information once we have details of this Convention worked out.
- Committee Meeting May 11 and 12, 2007: We will be at The Pines in South Bass Lake with arrival on May 4, 2007 for one night @\$129 plus tax in chateaus with two queen sized beds, kitchen, refrigerator and utensils. Extra person is \$10. Extended stay is \$129 for Saturday night, \$99 for Sunday night and if you come in early it is \$99 for Thursday night. Check-in starts at 4 PM and check-out is 11 AM. Due to various negotiations and pricing advantages we will have a catered lunch by the hotel on Saturday. Call 800-350-7463. Remember Yosemite is just 20 miles north of this beautiful place.
- Before you request bids from any hotels for any NCWSA or NCWSC meetings, please contact me for a copy of the specification sheets and I will email you a copy for the type of event you are seeking (Convention, Assembly, Committee Meeting). This will help the hotels formulate their proposals and will simplify the process for securing a bid package.

Love in service, Gene Harmon, NCWSA - Facilities

Group Records

So soon Assembly has arrived hopefully enough got completed to be able to get through my first meeting as Group Records Coordinator. Where is Jackie she was so sweet before I said yes and now she's not here!! Hello Vicki Glad you are here. Here is a summery of the items I have completed in preparation for Assembly.

- Updated the database for all changes received through Sept. 4 2006.
- Gave the Treasure report of all active groups for Treasures Appeal.

- Printed copies of labels for the 12 stepper on time this go around.
- Printed reports for Alateen Coordinator and Alateen Safety committee.
- Printed report for Institutions.
- Printed report for the Spanish Speaking Coordinator and the Spanish Speaking liaison.
- Made copies of the Welcome letters to get out 21 New Meetings.
- Printed DR report for all groups to be updated.
- Updated the 12 Stepper Subscriptions through Sept 4, 2006. All others will be updated as they come in.
- Created a PowerPoint Presentation to give to the GRs at Assembly.
- Also prepared to go over Voting Card instructions to GRs.
- Voting Cards are ready along with sign in sheets for all Districts.
- Created a binder with all current group information by City and WSO#.
- If not complete by Assembly I am working on a Presentation Board with instructions to have on display at all Area Meetings showing how to fill out Group Change Forms.
- Ran reports for members upon request, to the best of my ability.
- Keeping in tradition as today September 4, 2006 there are 716 groups registered with the area, including 53 Alateen meetings, 22 Hospital and Institutions meetings, and 37 Spanish Speaking meetings. There are 19 men's meetings and 16 women's meetings. Down by 8 meetings total from last report, and adding 21 new meetings in Area 3.

Group Registration Updates:

- When your GRs update there group information a copy should go to your DR and to WSO to Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway Virginia Beach, Va.23454 and one to myself at Debbie Oliver 8443 Wamble Rd. Oakdale, Ca. 95361.
- My e-mail is mefirst55@yahoo.com and my phone number is 209-988-0357. It was misprinted in the 12 Stepper, so my apologies to all thoughts who where unable to reach me.
- To help the newcomer locate a meeting it would be greatly appreciated if there were an address to go along with the meeting place.
- Also Last names for the group mailing labels will help for delivery purposes and it also gives members from out of the area a contact person call.
- Thank you for allowing me to be of service, as the Concept 4 states: Participation is the key to harmony.

Debbie Oliver, Group Records

Institutions

- As Institutions Coordinator, I have been busy these past few months preparing for AA's 36th Annual Northern California Hospitals and Institution Conference with Al-Anon participation which will take place on April 13, 14, 15, 2007 at the Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building in Petaluma, CA. I am extremely grateful for District 5 and Linda D who are the local hosts for the Conference for all the work they are doing in preparation for this event. There are flyers available in each of the DR's bins and more flyers on the tables for you GRs to take home and distribute at your meetings. Our main speaker is Fernando M from Tustin, CA who will speak on Saturday. Our Friday night speaker is Kathy L, the Institutions Coordinator for District 5. There will be Al-Anon meetings, Institution panels, workshops, AA meetings, and a Saturday Night Dance to which all are invited. We are planning to have Alateen participation and a program by the Hispanic Intergroup. We have been meeting each month and will continue to meet until April finalizing our plans. I hope you will join us for a great conference.
- If your meeting or district would like more information about Institutions work, please feel free to call me at (408) 266-4200 or e-mail me at lkmori@earthlink.net. Also if you would like further information about the Conference and/or to volunteer for service, contact me or Linda D who can be reached at lindahdowd@sbcglobal.net. The registration for the Conference is only \$10.00. Fill out the registration form, clip the fee to it, and give it to Linda D or to me.

Thanks for letting me be of service!

Literature Coordinator

- This is my first report as the Literature/LDC/Forum Coordinator for Northern California. We thought this would be a relatively easy job to enable me to keep coming back and do service. So far, it has been a bit of a chore. I'm hoping once I get it figured out I will be able to do a lot more fun stuff with it.
- I collected the materials from the previous coordinator and (with the help of the Group Rep from Placerville Thursday Night AFG) got it somewhat organized. What we have discovered is that we have two of everything.....but much of it is out of date.
- According to the WSO Guidelines for the Area Literature Coordinators, I should be very busy. This includes reading and being familiar with each piece of literature; offer support and information to all literature distribution centers; encourage use of Al-Anon literature as gifts, in fund raising and in service work; work with Outreach Coordinators in displaying CAL at workshops and as donations; create display of materials for district and area events; write articles for local and area newsletters; encourage other members to write sharings for CAL projects; encourage you to read The Forum, Inside Al-Anon Xtra, Area Highlights and local newsletters; and, maintain a supply of current catalogs and order forms. Whew!!! What an order, I can't go through with it (to paraphrase the AA Big Book).
- Give me some more time, and I will try to do as much of this as possible. I have compiled a list of Literature Distribution Centers and will try to forward information from WSO to them as I receive it. I have Contra Costa County, Dist. 6 – 10 AIS, Dist. 15 and Santa Clara Valley Intergroup. If you know of any other centers, please let me know.
- I brought with me a display of The Forum issues that I have. Some of them are from a long time ago. Please look them over gently and leave them for the next person. If you would like to subscribe, there are forms on the table. There is a box of extra issues under the table which you may take...but just one or two please. There are not enough for everyone.
- If you have an event and would like the Forum display or the literature display, please contact me and I will do my best to provide it.

PI/CPC

- Since my last report which was presented at the first business meeting of the new panel in February 2006, and also appeared in the recent 12 Stepper, I have been in a learning curve as to what this job really entails. My view in February of the job description, was quite different than it is today. I now realize I am to act as liaison between World Service and the District Representatives, PI/CPC Coordinators and Outreach Coordinators in our Area. When called upon for assistance, help provide funding, literature, insurance for specific events, make contact with people requesting our participation in various locations at which time the Districts in the area where the events will take place can be handled by local Al-Anon members.
- One of these events will be 'THE FAIR' in Santa Clara County which was held August 4 thru the 6, 2006. We were able to fund the booth and with the help of the Santa Clara Valley Intergroup, provided the necessary personnel to man the booth for the three days. My thanks to Art B. and Robin W., for their contribution in making this happen.
- Recently I received correspondence from World Service regarding a request for Public Information at Skyway House (Alcohol and Drug Program) in Chico. I contacted the Director of Skyway House who is looking for speakers for Family Group presentations. Irma C. was then called upon and her District will be providing speakers for Skyway House once every six weeks.
- I have been working on inviting myself to District Meetings to speak on PI/CPC and how that works. Offering suggestions on ways to reach out in their communities carrying the message on HOW AL-ANON WORKS. Districts have a challenge, as these positions of PI/CPC in many cases have not been filled.
- Recently in speaking with Julie at WSO she suggested I might be interested in a script that can be used to record a PSA and edited if necessary. I spoke with KSVY 91.3 in Sonoma, and made a live PSA which has been airing once a day. I was also able to have a schedule of Al-Anon meetings generated weekly in the Sun a local paper which will appear in both English and Spanish.

- In the latter part of August I sent e-mails to the Public Information Coordinators
- in our Area, letting them know I had a list of all the FM and AM radio stations in California, which number over 200. These stations have received PSA's from World Service in 2006. I am asking for the assistance of the Coordinators to e-mail me the city or cities their District covers and I would in turn send them the call letters of the Stations in their District so that they would be able to check with the Stations to see if they actually aired the Public Service Announcements as World Service does not monitor these broadcasts. My idea was to follow through with the Stations reminding them they had received the PSA's and encourage them to be aired.
- I have contacted Station Froggy 92.9 in Santa Rosa and they too will be airing a PSA daily on their station.
- By bringing literature to the Assembly focusing on Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community, will enable the Coordinators, who are present to obtain the literature that they might not otherwise have access too.
- I have recently received correspondence from World Service concerning the new Public Outreach Project, Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2007. I am encouraging all the District Representatives to bring back this information, order form and flyer to their District and make this an Outreach Project in your area. I have placed copies of this in your mail box.
- This first year has been a challenge and some days I think I am up to it some days I am not sure, but for all of us who stood for this panel, let's hang in their a little bit longer.
- We know these things will happen, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly, they will always materialize if we work for them. (From the Promises following Step 9 in the Big Book of AA).

Love in Service, Linda D. PI/CPC Coordinator Area 3

District Reports

District 1

(Report submitted in absence)

- Greetings from District One. We include Crescent City, Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, McKinleyville, Redway and Garberville. We are very busy here carrying the message.
- Our yearly fundraiser, "Day In Al-Anon" was another success and Beverly B. From Texas was fabulous. Next years' "Day In Al-Anon" will have Jack (AFG) from Southern California. Our Alateen meetings are taking off with a new meeting starting soon in McKinleyville and our regular meetings in Eureka and Fortuna becoming well attended. Our Alateens will be having a fundraiser for NoCAC in October, so look for the flyers.
- The District meetings have quite a few Group Representatives and many of them are new and enthusiastic. Though only one could make the Assembly (thank you, Elaine), we have active participation locally.
- The last weekend in August, we had our 2nd annual "Redwood Coast Roundup" cooperating with AA for a convention. Larcine (AFG) was a fabulous speaker and did a workshop on "Let Go and Let God". We've enjoyed working with AA and next year should be even better.
- I hope you all may be able to visit us in the near future.

Thank you, District One Representative, Jennifer McK.

District 2

- Not present. No report submitted.

District 3

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- District 003 consists of 16 Groups, including one Institution Group going into the 5th year, and a growing Alateen Group in Chico with two cleared Sponsors, one of whom is brand new. She is a long timer and happy to get involved with Alateen.

- For other members interested in becoming an Alateen Sponsor, I will be making copies of WSO's Workbook - 'Alateen Sponsor Preparation' to give out. This is very informative reading with great background for sponsoring and working with Alateens.
- An Al-Anon presentation was given at the Skyway House Recovery Center in Chico. It was supposed to be a 15 minute presentation, but lasted about one hour. So many questions were asked it took more time. It was made known that other members besides myself in this District were available to do this if invited back again on the next time table. The manager indicated "YES".
- There will be an Alcoholics Anonymous Conference in Chico Oct 6, 7, 8 at Manzanita Place, (same location as the H&I Conference held two years ago). They have requested a Literature Table, and the District has allocated money for rent and cost of literature. Rebecca R., alternate District Rep, is chairing this function. Rebecca is also trying to enlist Group Reps, and it looks like there will be success.
- District 003 Groups were informed of the new addition to page 52 of the current Service Manual regarding the law and Al-Anon-Alateen
- District 003 has a DR, Alt DR, Enid B. Secretary. Ann Van., both Treasurer and Editor. Coordinator vacancies are Literature, Institution, CPC, Public Outreach and Alateen. Hopefully at our next meeting in October, we can get these positions filled.
- Last year in an attempt to save rent money, District meetings have been held in homes.

Irma C., DR District 003

District 4

(Report submitted in absence)

- We have been very busy in the public information area. We have been providing mugs with meeting lists and pens to the professionals in all the area as well as giving them out at health fairs. We are continuing to provide new meetings for our district; we now have a newcomer's meeting on Friday nights that is doing very well and a Saturday morning meeting that is attended very well.
- We continue to work with the schools, and the other county offices for providing information about Al-Anon Family Groups.

Thank you for all the support, Charlene R., DR 4

District 5

- District 5 covers Sonoma and Napa Counties from the Coast to the most eastern part of Napa and from Cloverdale in the North to Cotati in the South. We currently have 42 Al-Anon meetings, 4 Spanish speaking meetings, 1 Men's meeting, 1 women's meeting, 7 Alateen meetings, 2 Institutions meetings.
- We have a busy District with very dedicated trusted servants. There are about 30-35 attendees at each monthly District meeting. Most service positions at District are filled. We also have some new service positions that are not in our by-laws yet. They are: Web-site Coordinators, Insurance Coordinator, Diversity Coordinator, Hot-Line Coordinator, A Liaison between Al-Anon and AA.
- Since the District is so spread out it can be difficult to cover all areas of the District. Therefore we have 2 Web-site Co-Coordinators, a gal from Sonoma County and a gal from Napa County. Between the two we can look forward to a new and improved Web-site. You can check it out by going through the NCWSA Web-site.
- We have a very energetic Alateen Coordinator who is starting more Alateen meetings in the Sonoma area. I just got 9 Alateen-applications from a Napa member who is acting as an Alateen Coordinator in Napa.
- This brings me to the news about Napa County wanting to be an independent District from Sonoma County. Not a bad idea for such a big District. Napa has been an independent District in the past. This time there seems to be more interest and participation in Napa for being independent. We, -in Sonoma County will do everything we can do to make the transition easy. Obviously if they are as "gong ho" about it as they are about Alateen, it could happen sooner rather than later.

- We have our own Literature Depot and it is going well in spite of some challenges. Our Literature treasury is the only money making entity, so it helps us cover all the insurance expenses we have. There are still strong feelings about the importance or not of having insurance. My personal opinion is that insurance is something we have to have and hope we never have to use.
- In June Our Delegate Sandi came to our District meeting to speak about her experience at the World Service Conference in Virginia Beach. It was very informative. I especially liked the Al-Anon anonymity myths. I still make copies and pass them around at District meetings.
- Later in the Spring our immediate Past Delegate Vicki came to the District and spoke about dual membership.
- The 3rd Annual Louis and Bill W. Holiday Bash is taking place December 2nd. It is an Al-Anon event with AA-participation. There are flyers on the back table. There will be a spaghetti feast, Al-Anon speaker, AA speaker and an Alateen Speaker, Silent Auction and dancing to a live band.
- Next year in April the AA Hospital and Institutions Conference will be held in District 5 in Petaluma. I am hoping to gather enough momentum to get as many Al-Anons in District 5 to attend. It is a real challenge to participate with AA in District 5. The problem I believe happened a long time ago over guess what? MONEY!!!!
- Unfortunately Alcoholism is still a family disease so we just have to keep plugging along with or without AA participation.

This is it folks. Thanks again to all doing service in Al-Anon. It is the fastest road to recovery.

District 6

- District#6 has just completed our summer fund raiser, "back to basics" on July 15th at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran church in Vacaville! Again I would like to thank Chris C. For providing such a great facility! Our "back to basics" theme seemed to go over quite well! Our workshops on the basic steps, 1, 2, 3, and 4, seemed to keep all of us grounded in the program! The workshop "get a life, love and detachment!" seemed to get the most attendance! Guess some of us like that idea, huh? Al-anon allows us to do that? I'd like to thank all who chaired the "workshops" they did a "fantastic" job! I Would also like to thank all who set-up and cleaned up! And to the Davis groups for those "awesome decorations" I thought I was at summer camp. Great job thanks! Also a "big" thanks to all who brought food, baskets, and donation drawing gifts! And last but not least, I'd like to thank our "awesome" speakers, Fran from Fremont (AA) and Jackie B. (Al-anon) thanks for enlightening us!
- Lots of busy times ahead! We have assembly coming on September. 8, 9, And 10th. At the "double tree hotel" in Modesto! Also for me, NCWSC meeting in Oct. At our last district meeting I informed the attending GRs to take back to their groups the issue of "double winners" serving above the group level to get a consensus as to which way their respective groups would like them to vote, should that issue come into play at assembly! I Also encouraged them to attend, and if that wasn't possible to have their alternate do so!
- We had to change our meeting time in September to September 23rd at "Vaca-valley hospital" from 1-3:00 pm at the corner of Nut Tree and Ulatis streets in Vacaville in the meeting room right next to the cafeteria because of conflicting dates with assembly. We will begin plans on our 2007 "holiday celebration" in December. "Wow!" already????? Time flies. Everyone is invited to attend! Please do so!
- Lastly we need Alateen sponsors for our Friday night meeting! Julia cannot continue on forever! Anyone interested, please contact Carl at 707-631-9171.

District 7

- District 7 is located in the Sacramento area and represents parts of Sacramento, North Highlands, and Rio Linda. Although 3 Al-Anon Family Group meetings have closed in the past year, there are still 16 Al-Anon Family Group meetings each week, including 1 Spanish Speaking meeting, 2 Alateen meetings, a men's meeting, and 1 parent-focused meeting. Half of the 16 eligible Group Representatives regularly attend monthly District business meetings.
- Along with monthly business meetings, the main area of focus for District 7 has been its quarterly Speaker Meetings. These are held on the last Saturday of the month in January, April, July and

October. Most of District 7's income is generated through activities at the quarterly Speaker Meetings.

- Four of eight Alateen sponsors opted out of renewing as Alateen sponsors. In order to focus on attracting new Alateen sponsors and also help Alateen raise funds to attend NoCAC and the Westminster Woods Conference, District 7 decided to allow Alateen to cosponsor two of the Speaker Meetings this year. Alateens not only helped with set up and take down of the Speaker Meetings, but also chaired, read the Steps and Traditions, helped sell raffle tickets, and sold supplementary items such as book marks and slogan pins. This past year, Alateens held a spaghetti feed and ice cream social in conjunction with the Speaker Meeting; in January a chili feed with cornbread is planned. In order for the District to still raise funds from the Speaker Meetings, the District kept the 7th Tradition donation and monies from the raffles, and the entrance fees from the spaghetti dinner and ice cream social were placed into the Alateen fund. Those in attendance really enjoyed hearing Alateens share their experience, strength and hope. Speaker Meetings are held at a local church which offers our District space for a cost of \$10 per Speaker Meeting. However, they have requested to see our insurance certificate, and so we are anxious to see if our area's insurance committee will be able to help us obtain this so we don't lose our space.
- District 7 took advantage of Conference Approved Literature prices before the price increased and ordered nearly \$400 of literature to sell at Speaker Meetings. Attendees have raved over the new offerings and at the past Speaker Meeting, 20% of our stock was sold.
- Nine Alateens and 3 sponsors attended last year's NoCAC, and 3 Alateens and 2 sponsors attended the Woods conference in May. District 7 lost four Alateen sponsors in the latest renewal period for Alateen sponsorship. Three sponsors are in the process of obtaining the LiveScan fingerprinting; one has already completed the process. Two additional Al-Anon members have stated their intent to apply to become Alateen sponsors.
- Although District 7 cannot boast of having a tremendous number of meetings, they have participated in public outreach, placing literature in hospitals, family resource centers, school and libraries. They work hard on recovery and consistently step up to the plate when asked to do service work at Speaker Meetings and Intergroup activities, and they do so with a big smile. Two members have been instrumental in obtaining a bid for the Sacramento area to host the 2013 International Convention. It would be wonderful for our region to be afforded the opportunity for many Al-Anons to attend an International Convention. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy H., District 7 Representative

District 8

- Greetings from District 8! Our district meeting is held on the first Tuesday of every month. I am truly blessed that our district now has so many people interested and enthusiastic about doing service work in Al-Anon. Our last meeting was a standing room only event, with every chair filled. For the first time, our district is being represented by 8 people at assembly. Our people got so excited that we decided to wear t-shirts in celebration of our recovery through service.
- When I agreed to be the DR, I was assured that I would get all the support I needed to
- help get the message of Al-Anon out there, and boy have I been supported. Everyone has been more than happy to volunteer to do the things that need to be done.
- We have created a new service position (that of a district editor). Writing reports is not my deal. People in my district wanted us to be included in our intergroup newsletter on a monthly basis. So, one of our GRs stepped up and volunteered to write the report every month. Another GR volunteered to make up flyers for our upcoming speaker meeting and our annual Soup Etc. event. My Alternate DR helps to keep me centered and keeps track of our district members' phone #s and e-mail addresses. Our secretary and treasurer always have their reports ready. They do an awesome job. In short, I have a great group of people to work with.
- The enthusiasm is contagious! We are currently finalizing the details for our annual fall speaker meeting with the theme being Surviving Alcoholism to be held on Oct. 14th.
- We've brought plenty of flyers.
- We're also planning our annual Soup Etc. workshop to be held on January 13, 2007. This year's theme is Recovery Through Laughter.

- Our district recently received 300 copies of the professional publication *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2007* and we are in the process of distributing these to members of the professional community as an outreach project.
- A year ago, a couple of Al-Anon members from District 6 were successful in getting a new meeting started at a Recovery House in downtown Sacramento. The meeting started with 3 women and now has flourished into a standing room only meeting on Saturday afternoon. What an example of recovery in action.

Carol G, District 8

District 9

- District 9 has meetings in Placerville, El Dorado, Pollock Pines, Cameron Park and Jackson – all in the beautiful gold country of El Dorado and Amador Counties.
- Our summer fundraiser in Pollock Pines was very successful as a fellowship event and fundraiser. Our speaker, Judy from Nevada was wonderful, and Tom from Woodland, a long-timer, spoke with wisdom. Our silent auction is always great fun with beautiful baskets and other items. We also have each group donate a book to give out as door prizes. The huge hit this year was the centerpieces. Each group donated several decorated “God Boxes”, and after the event we asked our speakers to select their favorite as our way or saying “thank you”, the rest were door prizes. A fun day was had by all.
- We have started our first Open Speaker Meeting. We kicked off with Chris H., the Alt. D.R. as our first speaker and Sandi C., our Delegate as our main speaker. We had a good turnout and we are grateful for our speakers and the members who supported it. Our Friday night Cameron Park meeting hosted and provided wonderful desserts. Our next meeting is Friday, October 6, at 7:30 – 9:30 PM at Light of the Hills Church, Cameron Park. Our first speaker is Priscilla, G.R. from the Pollock Pines meeting, who are also hosting, and Julianna B., San Jose as our main speaker. Beginning February, We will have one every other month on the first Friday of the month.
- We ordered 400 of the September Outreach Magazine. We have given one to each member and have asked them, after they read it, to give it to a Professional in their lives – their clergy, doctor, counselor, recovery home, etc. We are also inviting members of the professional community to attend our speaker meetings. Our P.I., coordinator has given them to a local hospital, police department and library.
- We look forward to participating at the Sacramento AIS birthday meeting next year.
- Our winter fundraiser is January 20, 11:30 – 3:00PM. Judy K., Reno, & Julia S., Alateen, Sac. are our speakers. We’re serving fabulous homemade soups, breads, desserts, coffee, tea, and spiced cider. Our groups really do a great job with catering this event and encourage everyone to put it on your calendar. We will also feature beautifully decorated baskets for our silent auction.
- We continue to take an “Introduction to Al-Anon Family Groups”, monthly to one of our men’s recovery homes. Hopefully soon we can get enough volunteers to do the same for a women’s recovery home. We take old issues of the Forum magazine and “Detachment”, “Are you troubled by someone’s drinking”, “So you love an alcoholic”, “3 Views of Al-Anon”, and “Doubting you sanity?” pamphlets to give to each resident and family member. This is a wonderful service opportunity for many of our members.
- We have been invited to participate with the Gold County Roundup in Plymouth for the 20th year. Our Saturday luncheon speaker is Larcene G., from So. Cal., and Sunday morning a panel of 3 couples, AA and Al-Anon, the newest – less than 1 year of recovery and the longest – more than 40 years.
- A big thank you to all our group representatives for their enthusiasm and commitment to their groups and our districts – team work works when you work it! Our district is small but well represented this weekend. Our district holler is: District 9, yes, we’re sick, we have butterflies on a stick! Thanks to one of our group reps for the beautiful butterfly fans

Love in Service, Joan W., District Representative

District 10

- District #10 has meetings in Grass Valley, Nevada City, Colfax, Auburn, Newcastle, Loomis, Granite Bay, Roseville, Folsom, Orangevale and Fair Oaks. These cities are spread out through three counties: Placer, Nevada and Sacramento.
- We have 36 Al-Anon Family Groups, of those meetings, 2 are women only, 2 are men only, 5 are book study and 1 is a Legacy meeting studying the Steps, Traditions and Concepts, 1 ACA, 2 parents meetings and 2 Alateen meetings.
- The monthly Business Meetings are well attended with 15 to 20 members. Our Alternate District Representative, Irene, keeps us informed of the current Intergroup activities. We participate in the annual Birthday Party held usually in May. This past year we supplied the speakers with our Delegate, Sandi C., as the main speaker. The committee for the gifts bags did a marvelous job of putting together hand crafted items as well as treats.
- We have small meetings in our less populated foothills and larger meetings that keep growing in the cities of Roseville, Fair Oaks and Auburn.
- The Grass Valley fellowship is unique in our area. They have a central meeting place that all the groups use with one Group Representative acting on their behalf. They also have a couples meeting once a month on Saturday evenings.
- In the Roseville area the Friday night meeting dedicates one night to the topic of intimacy, we have two meetings that supply babysitting for members with young children. The Fair Oaks meeting is studying the book "In All Our Affairs".
- The District decided to put together a budget or at least have more "set-aside" money. It took two meetings of discussion for our members to vote on forming a committee of three to put concrete ideas on paper for the members to look over. That worked beautifully as the model budget was approved. The timing couldn't have been better since we also had to vote in a new Treasurer. Our new treasurer, Bob M., will start fresh with the new budget.
- In March our District has their annual fundraiser. It was very successful this raising over a \$1000.00. This is a fundraiser where each group in the district donates a theme basket. If a particular basket meets your fancy you can put all your raffle tickets into that basket's can and up your chances for winning. We have a lot of fun as the baskets are very clever. Some of the names were: Mound of Money, Picnic for Two, International Food, Kitchen, Survival, Auto, Hidden Treasure, Exercise your Mind, Inner Child, Surprise and even one for Pets.
- We have a monthly Speakers Meeting held on the third Sunday of the Month. Each group has a chance to sign up as hosts and some groups join with other groups especially if they are small groups. This forum promotes individual growth by providing members a place to share the message of hope by telling their stories. There is no requirement of time in the program to be invited to be speak we have those with as little as a couple of months as well as long timers with many years
- In May, Vicki H., came to our Monthly Speaker Meeting and held a Dual Membership workshop. We had a good turnout even though we had a freakish rain storm. There was a lively discussion on the issue. Vicki was a wonderful mediator and I came away with new ideas and a lot of information to share with the District. Thank you, Vicki, for your service.
- I want to thank those members that are giving service above the group level as Group Reps, our Secretary, Renee, our PI/CPC Coordinator Kimberly N., Bob M. for stepping up as our treasurer, Marijo our Fundraiser Chairperson and Irene, our Alternate Group Rep. She has been a great help in getting our district information changed on the website. We continue to grow as a district because of your enthusiasm and generous giving spirit of your time, energy and resources. Because of your support, we will continue to Dig Serenity!

Gratefully Submitted, Claudia MacDonald, District Rep #10

District 11

- "Hello everyone!!" My name is Colleen M. and I'm District Rep. for Marin County - District 11. Located just north of San Francisco, District 11 currently has 23 Al-Anon meetings, 2 Alateen meetings and 3 Al-Anon Institutions meetings with a 4th one in the works.

- We have a district of courageous individuals this year – many new in their positions yet very active. We are holding a Day in Al-Anon this October 14, 2006 and I would like to personally thank Colleen B. and Andrea for their creative and industrious efforts in getting this project going. Our DIA, “Al-Anon - Finding a New Path,” will be a Saturday of hiking/meditative walks, yoga, writing, and workshops to sooth the soul and share Al-Anon spirit and stories. If you’re free or in the area, please join us. Information is on the NCWSA website.
- A growing community voice and Brenda G’s, (Newsletter Coordinator), industrious efforts led to circulation of our first newsletter two months ago. I wish to thank Brenda and all GRs for their assistance in the formatting and distribution of this exciting project.
- While participation and sponsorship of our Alateen meetings is light, the program itself is going well. We are light on male sponsors, but enough fallback that our meetings have their required two sponsors. The move of one meeting to a new teen community center is hoping to increase awareness and attendance of the program. Rosemary B., our Alateen Coordinator, is working on a Meeting on Wheels to assist teens in reaching meetings. We are pleased to announce we used some of our district budget surplus to send 3 Alateen members to this summer’s Westminster Woods.
- Treasurer, (Andrea) and Budget Coordinator, (Toni) are keeping our district in strong financial health. Their balances continue to match and we operate within our means with a realistic and prudent reserve and a continuing insurance program.
- I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve as DR. I apologize to NCWSA for my yahoo mistakes and thank Sandi for her quick and through responses to my many questions. I look forward to getting to know both the amazing depth of Al-Anon and as many of you as I can.

Respectfully submitted, Colleen M - DR, District 11

District 12

- Greetings from District 12, San Francisco, where we’ve been very busy this year preparing to serve. Our district includes all groups in the city of San Francisco and one in Daly City. Currently, there are at least 39 meetings, including a monthly district speaker meeting and a pre-teen Alateen meeting scheduled on an as-needed basis (if a kid shows up, we have a meeting). There are meeting scheduled for every day of the week and several times a day, almost anytime you need one, except late at night--hummmm, we’ll have to work on that!
- Over half of our groups have willing group reps, although not all attend our district meetings at the same time. Our bylaws require nine GRs for a voting quorum; some months we’ve had fewer than nine GRs in attendance, so our minutes sometimes sit unapproved. We did however approve minutes for several months during one especially populous meeting. Each month we continue to get new victims, err potential group reps, curious to see what our district meetings and district-level service are all about. Sadly, they don’t always return the following month--perhaps our enthusiasm is scaring them away?!
- We are an incorporated district with newly-revised bylaws thanks to our last panel. District 12 has a literature depot and is staffed by one part-time, paid employee and several volunteers. We carry liability insurance for all of our meetings and have recently purchased officers and directors insurance as well.
- In June, we invited our Area Bylaws and Insurance coordinator, Peggy P., to our district meeting to help us understand some of the ins and outs of insurance. Peggy did a good job fielding all of our questions, despite having no lights in the room when the light switch failed. Ever resourceful, we finished the meeting by flashlight.
- We’ve also invited in our Area PI/CPC coordinator, Linda D., to explain what all those initials in her title are all about and to give us some ideas for public outreach to the professional community. Last month, our Area alternate delegate, John S., visited our meeting and explained what the GRs might expect at Assembly--he also gave an inspiring talk about service in Al-Anon.
- We’ve got lots in the works for the coming months, including starting a beginners’ meeting at Ohlhoff house, re-establishing Alateen in San Francisco and planning our Day in Al-Anon.
- Finally, I’d like to say how grateful I am to the members in San Francisco for allowing me to serve as their district rep again. Having served only a half-term last panel, they are giving me

another chance to learn to do the job and grow in Al-Anon. I look forward to our third year on this panel when I finally get the hang things and turn the job over to someone else!
With Al-Anon hugs, Patti Manley, District 12 Representative

District 13

- District 13 extends from Burlingame to Palo Alto. We have 31 Al-Anon meetings and 2 Alateen meetings. Our meeting list is on the back table. Please take one and join us if you're in our area.
- The GRs from D-13 present were introduced.
- We have many people serving our district who are serving as an officer or coordinator for the first time at the district level.
- For positions that were open for a long time, we found that we would start a committee for that position, and eventually one of the committee would rise to take over the position of coordinator.
- The only position that is not filled is Alternate DR. This may have something to do with the fact that I started as the alternate this year, and by February, I had taken the DR position.
- We have three fundraisers in our district. First is our "Day in Al-Anon" in the April time frame, second is our Holiday party which takes place on one of the early Saturdays in December, and our newest fundraiser, which is our quarterly district speaker meeting. The speaker meeting supports our literature depot, and is hosted by a regular Saturday night meeting.
- Our literature depot had such irregular hours we found it was difficult to get people to purchase literature. We now have a sale-by-appointment arrangement where someone can call one of the volunteers to meet them at the depot to purchase books. The literature coordinator also takes orders by phone and email and delivers those to members.
- After having lost all such Institutions meetings, we've now reopened one.
- We are hosting the Al-Anon participation portion of the NCCAA convention in March 2007 in Foster City.
- We had an opportunity to discuss a knowledge-based decision at our district regarding whether or not we had enough insurance coverage. Art B. and Peggy P. came to one of our meetings and after a lot of discussion, we decided to keep the general liability insurance, apply for the sexual misconduct insurance to see what the quote looks like. For now we will not seek M&L insurance, but seek pro bono legal guidance to decide what to do. Finally we came to a decision that most people could live with.

District 14

- District 14 serves all of Contra Costa County except the far west, over the Berkeley hills. We run from Martinez to San Ramon and from Pleasant Hill to Discovery Bay. We have 50 Al-Anon meetings, 2 Alateen meetings and 1 Preteen meeting. Six of our Al-Anon meetings are conducted in Spanish, and at our last District meeting they were all represented! Although the Spanish groups have their own Intergroup, we have been trying to include them in our District activities as well.
- Being such a large district in number of meetings if not in geography, we also act as our own Intergroup. We have a Literature Distribution Center, which contributes to our financial stability. This year I've tried alternating the focus of our monthly meetings: every other month we concentrate either on the groups or on the coordinators. This has helped to keep the meetings to their scheduled 1 1/2 hours. We also precede each meeting with a half-hour study of the Concept of the month, which about half of us attend and find very helpful.
- We've held an Open Speaker Meeting monthly for about 4 years. In October we bring in an outside speaker to celebrate our anniversary. On October 28, join us at Kaiser Walnut Creek to hear Claudia C., Alateen from San Leandro, and Larcine G. Al-Anon from Hawthorne, CA
- One of our groups put on an Afternoon in Al-Anon and now we're ready to tackle our first full Day In Al-Anon, February 10, 2007, in Alamo. Look for flyers at the October Committee meeting. Patty P will be conducting a workshop on Emotional Sobriety and will be the main speaker.
- We have a dynamic coordinator for Public Outreach. Nina P has created an outreach pamphlet that includes our meeting list, but starts with questions attracting newcomers to our meetings. It seems to be helping, and the WSO has expressed some interest. Public Outreach's expenses, for printing and brochure holders, has strained our coffers somewhat, so we've got a push on to ask people

what their Serenity is worth: most things now cost 4-20 times what they cost in 1950. We're careful to balance that with the realization that not everyone can contribute at that level, and they're welcome anyway.

- We're in the early stages of incorporation, mostly to protect our officers, but also to try to cover liability insurance for those meeting sites which require it. Gene H, the Facilities Coordinator for NCWSA, is spearheading that effort.
- I am thrilled to have so many GRs from District 14 here and proud to serve as their District Representative.

Johanna MM, DR, D14

District 15

- District 15 is bounded by Oakland, Piedmont, Emeryville, Alameda, Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, and Castro Valley. There are thirty (30) meetings in District 15, five are Spanish meetings and five are Alateen meetings; one of the Alateen meetings is Spanish.
- We have a very loved and active Alateen Coordinator and our five Alateen meetings all have two wonderful sponsors and an alternate. Thank you Marilyn (Alateen Coordinator)! Our public outreach is on-going at health fairs, speaking engagements, etc. Thank you Carmen T. (Public Information Coordinator)! The District 15 office continues to man the phones so that during the day, if a person calls D-15, usually you will get a "live" Al-Anon member to share their experience, strength, and hope! Our literature depot has continued to obtain up-to-date books and literature and distributes literature to the public and district. Thank you Carol! (Literature Distribution Coordinator). Also thank you to Denise M., Newsletter Editor and her alternate Ruby for reviving our District 15 newsletter and for sending it out via e-mail as well! District 15 has continued celebrating its Monthly Fellowship Events with fantastic Al-Anon, AA and Alateen speakers. The events are a wonderful opportunity for fun, food, and fellowship and have become a part of Al-Anon life in District 15.
- In March, the Monthly Fellowship Event in District 15 was sponsored by Nueva Viva, one of our five Spanish Al-Anon groups. They featured three speakers (AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen) and the Alateen speaker, Claudia C. gave her entire share in Spanish. In my memory, this was the first time our Spanish Al-Anon Community all came together, along with Spanish Al-Anon members from across the Bay, to share in fellowship with everyone in D-15 at the Monthly Fellowship Event. The event was a huge success and loads of fun! Thank you Flavia for all your efforts and hard work!
- Also in March, District 15, along with NCWSA were honored to have SWRDM (the Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting) at Jack London Square in Oakland. At SWRDM, we experienced the "awe and realization in experiencing the wealth of history, experience, strength, and hope in the rooms." The past delegates at SWRDM average approximately 25 – 35+ years "each" of time in Al-Anon. At SWRDM one had the opportunity to watch Al-Anon "history" in the making. The women and men not only knew Lois, the co-founder of Al-Anon and Bill W's wife, but some of them were intimate friends with her! We were grateful to have them visit us here in California.
- In June, D-15 was invited to participate in All Groups Day with AA Eastbay in Oakland, CA, with meetings, speakers, and panel discussions. This is an annual event and was not only a lot of fun in recovery but also a huge success with AA and Al-Anon participation!
- In August, we celebrated our 46th Annual AA/Al-Anon Ladies Luncheon. This event has been such a wonderful tradition, bringing back memories of the times when AA and Al-Anon were in its infancy. The shares were wonderful and the fellowship was fantastic.
In October, 2006, the NCWSA Committee Meeting will be held at Jack London Inn in Oakland and look forward to welcoming everyone to Jack London Square.
- We in District 15 WE LOVE THIS PROGRAM!

In Service, Arlene O., District 15 DR

District 16

- Greetings from District 16! Located in the Central section of NCWSA, our District includes the communities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton. Our district is comprised of 19 meetings,

- including one men's meeting, two women's meetings, an adult child meeting, a couple's meeting, a pre-teen meeting and two Alateen meetings.
- This past year has been one of transition for us, since most of the group reps, district coordinators, and district officers are new in their positions. We also had to find a new location for our district business and speaker meetings. We've become comfortable in our new home for these activities and as a result of having a larger space for our monthly speaker meeting; we've seen an increase in attendance.
 - This spring we held our District 16 Day in Al-Anon meeting in April, with Father Tim M. as the featured speaker. Our co-chairs and their committee did a fabulous job, and the event was a wonderful success. We also participated at Alcoholics Anonymous' request in the NCCAA Convention in San Ramon, organizing Al-Anon meetings, staffing a literature table, and selling A LOT of books! Many thanks to Jeanne D., our Alternate DR, for working on that effort with the local A.A. committee.
 - In the past several years, we've focused on building and re-energizing our Alateen program that had recently dwindled. These efforts have paid off, and I am pleased to say that we have a very active Alateen sponsorship program, with nine Alateen sponsors, two growing Alateen meetings (both of whom have Alateen Group Reps who attend District business meetings), and a thriving preteen meeting. We have been able to provide scholarships for teens to attend Alateen functions, and support periodic pizza parties for the meetings. This growth can be attributed to the enduring efforts of Ruth K., our previous Alateen Coordinator. Her successor as of 2006, Shawn A., grew up in the Alateen fellowship, and is carrying on Ruth's dedication and commitment. He has assumed his new role with enthusiasm and great energy!
 - We are particularly proud of our Public Outreach activities, spearheaded by Trish and Jerry M. Through their organizational skills and philosophy of "attraction with persistence", District 16 has:
 - An active Speakers' Bureau of over 20 people, who have spoken (or are willing to do so) at shelters and recovery centers
 - Participated in health fairs and conferences, one in partnership with District 14
 - Provided CAL to crisis centers, paramedics, legal representatives, counselors, school libraries, and physician offices.
 - Most of our fundraising efforts go to support these outreach activities, and I am awed by, and very grateful for the stewardship that Trish and Jerry have demonstrated in their positions.
 - We're planning now for our WinterFest on November 4, 2006 (a half-day event of workshops, potluck dinner and speakers), and next year's Day in Al-Anon on April 28, 2007.
 - As a new DR, I came to this position with excitement and a fairly good quotient of trepidation. But, believing what I had been told that "God doesn't call the qualified, God qualifies the called", I put one foot in front of the other and am, with the grace of God, trying to be the best District Representative I can be. I rely on the wisdom of those who have done this job before me, and I'm particularly grateful for Lori K., the past DR, and her willing guidance.
 - I am especially thankful for, and constantly amazed by, the dedication and leadership demonstrated by the trusted servants of District 16. They do a wonderful job in their positions, which makes my job infinitely easier. It is my distinct privilege and honor to serve District 16 as its representative.

In gratitude, Elaine S.

District 17

- District 17, the FUN district covering Fremont, Union City and Newark, is continuing strong as we move to the end of 2006. Our District officers meet on the fourth Friday of each month. Meetings have a majority of the group representatives in attendance, and all of our service positions are filled. Karin and Joyce are our new district telephone information coordinators.
- The district has 12 weekly meetings (9 English, 1 Spanish, 1 Alateen, 1 Pre-teen), plus our monthly birthday speaker meeting. Two of the meetings are new this year, the Spanish meeting, and the new Friday evening meeting co-located with an AA meeting. Lois and Madelyn from our PI team continue to support community events and are working with libraries, schools and churches to help get information out.

- The district trusted servants are continuing to study a concept each month, working through concept eight so far. We also have a trusted servant share at the district meeting each month. Thanks to Maria, Karen and Rose for letting us get to know them better.
- Our district holds a monthly fellowship potluck and birthday meeting the third Saturday of the month. Last month featured Hugh, and next weekend we have a Sponsor / Sponsee team speaking on Sponsorship. October the district officers host the meeting. Since it is the same weekend as the next NCWSA Committee meeting, we're tapping several area trusted servants to talk about Recovery through Service, with our current Delegate Sandy C., Past Delegate Irma C., and our Alateen Coordinator, Chris M. sharing on how service has changed their lives.
- Our big fundraiser for the year is our 14th Annual Day in Al-Anon. The committee is working through final planning for the event, which will be held October 14th in Fremont. The event will have workshops on topics including the family disease, working the steps, Fantasy & Illusion, Spirituality, Sex & Intimacy and Humor. We'll also have Alateen, Spanish and AA meetings, and have an authentic Italian Spaghetti dinner, followed by our main speakers.

Love in Service, Joe G.

District 18

- District 18 includes Mariposa, Merced and Stanislaus counties and groups in Murphys, Sonora and Tracy. We have 24 registered Al-Anon Groups, including 3 Spanish-language groups, with 45 meetings (8 Spanish-language) each week. We also have 2 Alateen groups and 2 registered institutions meetings, and we offer two dedicated weekly Step, Tradition and Concept study meetings.
- District 18 holds our business meetings every month on the first Sunday of the month in the Doctors Medical Center Conference Center in Modesto. Each group takes a turn bringing a potluck lunch. All our service positions are filled and we usually have good enthusiastic participation from our GRs and coordinators. We are gradually working toward our goal of forming a Public Outreach committee, chaired by our Alternate DR, Jim S., which will coordinate the outreach efforts of our PI/CPC, Institutions, Media and Alateen coordinators and encourage broader participation from our groups. As a district, we ordered 400 copies of the September outreach magazine "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2007" for distribution, and several groups also ordered copies to distribute. We have a wonderful, enthusiastic panel that I feel privileged to serve. Come visit us!
- Each year District 18 hosts a workshop in February and a Day-in-Al-Anon in October. This year, in February, Vicki presented a workshop on service opportunities for dual members, Chris M. joined us in June for an Alateen Sponsorship workshop, and Sandi C. joined us in July to give her Delegates report. Please make sure you take a flyer for our Day-in-Al-Anon, "Just for Today/Solo por Hoy", October 28 in Tracy.
- We also have a wonderful cooperative relationship with the local AA groups and Central Valley Intergroup of AA. We have Al-Anon participation in Turlock Unity Day and Legacy Day in Modesto, with Al-Anon and Alateen speakers and meetings. And the Yosemite Summit Conference is held in Curry Village in Yosemite National Park the weekend before Thanksgiving each year. This is a wonderful weekend of family recovery with a full schedule of Al-Anon and Alateen meetings and speakers. And this year NoCAC is scheduled for the preceding weekend, so we were able to invite Mayela Z. to be our Alateen speaker on Saturday.
- When I asked "what do you want me to tell Northern California about our district?" some suggestions were:
 - Our website rocks! Check it out at www.ncwsa.org/d18
 - Our new meeting list is awesome!
 - We have terrific participation!
 - Come join us in October!

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve with all of you and to represent the best district in Northern California!

Love in service, Bonnie M., D18

District 19

- District 19 is the southernmost district in NCWSA. We are composed of Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties. We have a large surface area serving 60+ groups.
- These first 8 months of 2006 have been very busy for D19. In February D19 hosted the NCWSA Committee Meeting. It has been a long time since D19 hosted this meeting, and we were glad to see you all come visit us in Visalia. For many of you it was your first committee meeting, and we were glad that you were able to join us.
- District 19 also was extremely busy the beginning of the year (as well as the end of 2005) working on the H&I Conference hosted by AA with Al-Anon participation. Since the H&I Conference was in Visalia this year, D19 became the NCWSA host district to “put on” the Al-Anon portion of this program. We don’t like to do things in a small way so we really took this assignment to heart. The main Al-Anon portion took place on Saturday, April 1. The morning Al-Anon session was devoted to our Spanish speaking Al-Anons and Spanish speaking professional panel, and the afternoon was devoted to English speaking Al-Anons and professionals. We were very pleased that overall 100 plus Al-Anons attended the H&I. Remember, this is an AA event so having so many Al-Anons there was impressive.
- District 19 trusted servant roster for the 2006-2008 is not quite complete. We are asking for more volunteers to come forward to fill our vacancies. We will do our best footwork to encourage volunteers, but still keep us in your prayers that the right people will come forward.
- D19 presently rents a 3-room AIS/LDC/Meeting room. We have been there about 10 years, but we are finding that rent, liability insurance, and utilities (to name a few) are always going up and that the district needs to move. We are looking for a place to relocate our AIS/LDC and think we have a facility that can accommodate us. We will also have to find a place to hold our district meetings. Because our district covers a large area we are thinking of having “roaming” district meetings at times. Our lease ends December 31st so we have time to find places to have our district meetings and figure out what is best for all D19 trusted servants.
- In August we had our second annual “Wacky” Hat Day. What fun this is! We get to eat great food, be crazy for a day, and socialize with our “Wacky” Al-Anon friends. The hats were very creative, and just fun to put together.
- In October we will have our main fund raiser, our Octoberfest. This is another great socializing event. The groups donate theme baskets and we “raffle” them off. Oops! What I meant to say is: we put a basket together, we bring them to the event, we say which one do you like, and then you try to get it from us. You get the picture. Anyway, we have a great time. You ought to come see us in October. (And bring your basket-we’ll try to take it away from you.)

Thank you, Linda Webb, District 19 District Representative,

District 20

- District 20 is the northern third of Santa Clara County, except for Palo Alto. There are 30 Al-Anon groups. There are 14 up-to-date Alateen sponsors, and we recently voted to reimburse all of their fingerprinting expenses. Many of these sponsors volunteer at a Juvenile Hall Institutions meeting, which, though not in our district, these members are.
- We host a Friday night speaker meeting the 4th Friday of every even month (except for December). We record all the speakers. Please let us know, and we’d be happy to share our recordings.
- I’ve really enjoyed working with the GRs. They’ve come up with some great ideas.
- We’ve been helping with scholarships to NoCAC, and we encourage individual groups to help, too.
- We are part of Santa Clara Valley Intergroup, along with Districts 21 and 22. We are talking about how to have better communications with the Intergroup and find out how we can better support them. With these efforts, we hope to get better participation at both the district and Intergroup.

District 21

- We have started our new term for 2006-2009 service period. The new DR started in February and is getting to know the GRs and the ropes of the meetings. Our district has a great team of GRs who are very eager and active in their meetings as well as their programs.
- We sent love gifts to the delegate during the convention in April, everyone loved them.
- We are to going out and educate other meetings about having a GR. At this time our district has 50% representation, which is fabulous! We have been talking about what GRS are all about in the big picture and have obtained some education as to their purpose and job description. We have also spent time getting educated on how to hold a business meeting within our groups.

XO, Jennifer H., DR Northern CA Dist. 21

District 22

Here are some of the happenings around this Santa Clara Valley district to date.

Group News

- The number of groups in the district covering south San Jose to Gilroy has remained the same this year. We currently have seventeen (17) groups that are English speaking, one (1) Spanish language group, and two (2) Alateen groups (one each for younger and older Alateens).
- It has been brought to my attention that the District help find ways to keep the younger Alateen meeting consistent and better supported. I hope to get input at our next D22 meeting.
- The Morgan Hill group conducted a group inventory this past summer which a couple of members from the district assisted with. The group members afterward seemed pleased with the process which began one week and finished the next, and are looking at ways to keep the group healthy and possibly having another Morgan Hill group in the future. It was a rich learning experience for myself and those who participated.
- One of the district's two Wednesday groups has been steadily growing since beginning just a couple of years ago. It was been mentioned at the group's recent business meeting that they find a larger room at the hospital where they meet since some weeks there haven't been enough seats. I look at that as a good indication of a strong group.
- We have great service from our District treasurer Bill L., secretary Lisa K, and alternate district representative Mary Jane T. Participation by the Group Representatives is encouraging as we try to stay organized and have fun at the same time. Unfortunately one GR has to back out due to other commitments and another might be leaving the area soon, but the good news is that one, possibly two, new individuals are ready to step in as GRs.

Activities within the District

- Over the summer the GRs voted to allocate district money to reimburse Alateen sponsors for fingerprinting costs. This is being handled through out treasurer and the Santa Clara Valley Intergroup Alateen coordinator.
- Each January for the past twenty years the district has held an event for all AI-Anon/Alateen members. The focus has been on service-related topics.
- For 2007, we are planning on holding an event Saturday, January 20th in the evening (with dessert!) to show our appreciation to all the folks around Santa Clara Valley – which includes Districts 20 and 21- who have volunteered outside their groups to take service positions in the bookstore, teleservice, Juvenile Hall, the San Jose Family Shelter, SCV Intergroup, etc.

Jeff D., District Representative

District 23

- Since assuming the position of DR for District 23, we have been working on Public Information. We have had a speaker meeting in June and it was very well attended. The speaker was Zoy. I learned a little more about myself. We are planning on another one in October 20th, with the speaker being Art B.
- We have 28 Groups, 1 Alateen Meeting. We've started an Ala-Tot meeting.

- Our July Meeting we had the delegate Sandy C. to speak.
- Our PI coordinator has been authorized to purchase 900 copies of the forum for mailings.
- This is taking place this month. Our Alateen program is doing very nicely with donations coming in, from the groups. The district has been able to help send teens to the May event. The teens themselves are helping out to make money.
- I want to thank all the coordinators for their efforts in making things function at the district level for a job well done.
- Our annual fund raiser is the first weekend in December and is being worked on by Lisa. She will be needing assistance. It always works out.
- We are going to have our own website being created by the area. Our next District Meeting, we'll be bringing up the subject for voting in Bill S. who wants to do it.
- I've also visited several meetings so far this year.

Harlan DR

District 24

Meetings:

- We have 25 Al-Anon (3 Spanish speaking) and 3 Alateen meetings in our district.
- One new meeting was started this past year (Tuesday noon women's).

Public Information Efforts:

- Recognizing that over half of those walking through the doors of Al-Anon do it by professional referral, for the fourth straight year the Thursday night Marina One Day at a Time Meeting, along with the Sunday night Fort Ord meeting and the PI/CPC coordinator for District 24 are participating in the Forum mailing for National Recovery Month.
- 400 copies of the Forum will be mailed to professionals throughout Monterey County. Recipients include bail bondsmen, teachers, police departments, principals, pastors, churches, therapists and recovery centers who will receive a copy of the WSO mailing geared toward the professional community along with the applicable open letter to each professional and a copy of the district 24 meeting list.
- Each year, since 2003 the district and these two meetings have cooperated in piecing together this mailing. The first year there were 100 copies of the Forum distributed, with the following year's effort doubling to 200 and then 400 in '05 and '06 respectively.
- There were two community events where Laurie B., D-24's Public Information Coordinator, set up a literature table and talked about Al-Anon and Alateen to those attending the events. The first, Assembly member Simon Salinas 4th Annual Women's Health Summit, was held at Hartnell College in Salinas on March 25. The second event was a countywide Town Hall-type meeting called "Start Talking Before They Start Drinking" on March 29th, and meetings were scheduled for Monterey and Salinas at the same time, so Laurie attended the Salinas meeting, while our District Rep dropped off literature and schedules at the Monterey meeting.
- Another public information project that Laurie has been working on is invitation cards to local meetings for posting on bulletin boards. She has made these cards for five or six meetings so far, and hopes to make them for all the meetings in the district (who want them) eventually. The cards all have a similar format, which should help people recognize the name of Al-Anon if they see notices for different meetings.
- If anybody wants the template to use to make cards for meetings in his/her district, just email Laurie at lauriebulg@hotmail.com and she will be glad to send along the form she has been using for you to customize for your meetings.
- Alateen Outreach:
- Our two District # 24 Alateen coordinators continue to do Alateen outreach into high schools and middle schools in the area. The format is to hear an AA speaker, an Al-Anon speaker and then have time for questions. So far about 500 students, in groups of 30 or 60, have learned about alcoholism from each side of the disease. They are continuing with more schools this year.

Speaker Meetings:

- The District 24 speaker meetings are held on the first Friday evening of every odd month. Our speaker meeting committee transitioned leadership this year for the first time since it's creation without missing a beat, and that first group was a tough act to follow. We are still in need of out of area speakers, so if you have some good ones from your district who are interested in a visit to lovely Monterey, please send an email to lauraklulu@earthlink.net and I will put you in touch with the speaker meeting committee.
- The Marina Thursday night meeting celebrated their 10th anniversary this past month. Vannoy S. traveled from Los Angeles to Marina to share at the regular Thursday evening meeting and then a special speaker meeting was held last Sunday night at the Y.M.C.A. in Monterey. With over 200 in attendance we gathered to hear Tom W. from Oakland share his AI-Anon recovery story.
- There were four members in the audience who were original members of the group; two of which were the meeting founders. Six (!) cakes were ably decorated by a member and shared with the crowd with all home group members joining in to contribute time, chairs, trailers, coffee and elbow grease to plan the event. The meeting was taped by the custodians of the Northern California Tape Library.

Service Workshop:

- In an effort to raise awareness of service opportunities beyond the group level, we held a workshop and pot luck lunch in March. "Service Beyond the Group Level" was held on a Saturday morning and was attended by 25 people who brought some really yummy treats. We started with a meeting and did lunch and then we had presentations and discussion about service positions at the district level. Several positions were eventually filled, including the transitioning of our literature depot, which is now handled by a committee.

Finance Committee

- A district finance committee was formed last winter and has met several times this year. Among the accomplishments of this committee are several motions brought for approval to the district meetings, including a motion to set aside a prudent reserve for district operating funds, as well as a savings fund for seed money to some day have a District 24 central office. We also have a budget!

Respectfully submitted, Laura K., District Representative

District 25

- Not present. No report submitted.

District 26

- District 26 consists of Berkeley and West Contra County. There are 27 meetings, including one Alateen, three Spanish, one L/G/B/T, two women only and one men only.
- Our Alateen meetings are growing and very active. Alateen Committee has started a new Alateen meeting and has done outreach at school health fairs.
- The Alt DR and Events Coordinator resigned, so we are seeking replacements.
- The District Meeting is every month on the third Saturday in Berkeley.

Susan S

District 27

- Not Present. No Report Submitted

Delegate's Report

Delegate's Report

First, I want to thank you for putting your faith in me to serve as your Delegate. Going to the 2006 World Service Conference was the most spiritual experience I have ever had. We worked through issues, formed new partnerships, and built trust among all the members. Some of the highlights of Conference were:

- Electronic Meetings were approved by the Policy Board. Therefore, all electronic meetings (on-line computer or telephone) can now register with the WSO. By registering, these meetings will be able to use the Al-Anon name and will receive support from the WSO. Registered meetings may request a license from the WSO to use text format of Steps, Traditions, Concepts of Service, Suggested Welcome, Suggested Closing and excerpts from Conference Approved Literature (CAL). The Service Manual will be updated on-line in May with more information on this. Check it out at the members' web site.
- Conference gave the WSO conceptual approval to develop electronic literature (E-CAL) on a three-year trial basis so our membership can have access anytime, anywhere. The literature will be consistent with the current CAL process. This literature, as the well as the procedure for implementing it, is unknown at this time, but WSO will look into developing this opportunity.
- The WSO wants us to help get the word out about both our Web Sites: The one for Public Outreach (www.al-anon.org/) and the one for our members (www.al-anon.org/members/). The member web site requires a password. That password is the name of your group followed by AFG. However, you can type any letter or key and add AFG to the end and you can get into the members site.
- WSO and the Board are looking at how the Alateen Traditions came to be different than the Al-Anon Traditions, etc. They have researched and can find no record that they have ever been approved by the Conference. Therefore, they have asked that we start of a conversation with all of you, requesting input from the entire membership on what it thinks we should do about approving them. Chris, our Alateen Coordinator, is handling this with the Alateens or anyone who wants to give her their input. I am also available to either discuss or take your input.
- This is an opportunity for everyone to give us their input on how they believe this should be handled. The questions they have are: Should we change them to be the same as Al-Anon's Traditions, since we are all one program? How should we spell teenage? It's spelled one way in one document and another some place else. Or should we just leave them alone as published in the current Alateen literature and our Service Manual? I will collect all input and give our input to the Conference next year.
- 2005 Contributions are about \$318,000 below last years due to a bequest of approximately \$348,000 which was received last March. Northern California 2005 contributions were \$46,782, which was slightly higher than 2004's. Did you know that the average cost per year for WSO to support/service a group is \$235.41? One of our members did some research and determined that it costs Northern California approximately \$52 per year to service them.
- WSO will begin testing a bulletin board type meeting for Alateens with safety and behavior issues built into the program. Chris is sending in applications for Alateens and Sponsors who want to participate in the tests which will take place over the summer.
- The WSO plans to use our full name, "Al-Anon Family Groups," when appropriate, and has asked the fellowship's help to accomplish this. The reason is so that Al-Anon is recognized more and not confused with AA. AA is very well known but many people do not know what Al-Anon is. Did you know that AA hires consultants (who are not members) to do public speaking and marketing of the AA name? How would you feel if Al-Anon did the same thing to have its name more easily recognized? If you have any thoughts on that, send me an email.
- Now on that note, I'd like to talk about anonymity. The WSO and Board of Trustees put on a skit for all of us on what anonymity is and is not and gave us a list of all of the myths on anonymity. I brought a few copies which you can feel free to copy for your groups. However, I'd like to read the list to you first. In addition, we may do the skit at our Assembly, so you folks will be ahead of the game.

- The International Al-Anon Convention, "Connecting People Around the World," will be held in July 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA. Start saving your money so you can attend.
- WSO is soliciting bids for the 2013 International Convention site. Those bids will be due WSO by December 31, 2006. If any of you want the bid forms, see me and I'll get you a copy. All bids are to be submitted through me. We are only allowed one bid for Northern California, so if I receive more than one, I will pick the best one based on all the requirements and costs.
- Because we are having an International Convention in 2008, the Southwest Region's (that's us) Regional Service Seminar will be held in the fall of 2009. Bids for that conference will be due in April 2008, so be thinking about a place Northern California could bid on and submit bids for that too. I have the forms and requirements if anyone wants to pursue this.
- There is a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) titled "What it's Like," and it's now available.
- They are still trying to develop a new book OUR RECOVERY IN RELATIONSHIPS (which is the working title), but have had many challenges due to it being such a broad subject. They believe that the book is wanted and needed by the fellowship and will continue to look for ways to approach the subject using the many excellent sharings submitted by the fellowship.
- The Literature I Committee is looking at new ways to format pamphlets that would make them more attractive and interesting in an attempt to reach wider audiences.
- They are continuing to review and work on FACING GRIEF & LOSS WITH AL-ANON (another working title), but there is still a lot to be done to complete it. It's a work in progress.
- Group Records has been cleaning up data in preparation for an upgrade to the database. The Group Records registration form will be revised to eliminate some of the special focus types. This means the group name will need to include the special focus of the group, such as adding "Step Study" to the group name.
- The U.S. and Canada have a total of 10,790 groups, with a worldwide number of 25,742 groups, of which 1,770 are Alateen groups.
- The Crying House Bookmark and the Professional Referral Pad proved very popular. WSO has distributed over 700,000 bookmarks and have gone to reprint on both the bookmark and referral pads.
- There is a new Public Outreach magazine being developed titled Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2007, which will be available in English, French and Spanish. The deadline to order bulk orders is July 14. This will replace the special Forum in September which is geared to Professionals. In addition, it will be published in the spring for Alcoholism Awareness Month. Have you all received your copies?
- The Regional Service Seminar Committee is looking at the value of RSSs and how to improve them.
- The Forum Editorial Advisory Committee reviewed 250 manuscripts at each of its quarterly meetings. They also reviewed the results of the 2005 Forum Readership Survey. Beginning with the May issue and continuing each month, The Forum will incorporate Inside al-Anon Xtra newsletter material into the magazine.
- Special reports on Al-Anon's annual World Service Conference will appear during the July and August Forum. And, a new humor department "Time for a Laugh," also debuts in the May Forum. The June Forum will include the Readership Survey results.
- A complimentary Forum subscription will be sent to all registered English-speaking groups. Be sure your current mailing address is up to date so your groups receive them.
- The subscription price for the Forum is \$7.00 plus postage. Charging subscribers the appropriate postage will allow the Forum to become self-supporting. In the U.S. postage cost is \$4.00; in Canada it's \$9.00; and in other countries it's \$12.00.
- WSO staff and Trustees visited Romania and Iran and found that neither country has the financial resources to support the cost of translating and printing literature. Nor can they finance the registration of the copyright. Therefore the International Committee recommended that the three pamphlets A Guide for the Family of the Alcoholic, Purpose and Suggestions, and This is Al-Anon, as well as the "Al-Anon/Alateen Groups at Work" section of the Service Manual be translated in Farsi and Romanian and given to the evolving structures in those countries.

- The Associate Director International was invited to participate and attend the second service meeting and second Al-Anon Convention in Cuba in March. She was accompanied by the WSO Spanish Translator. As a result, we found out that all materials sent by the WSO reached them and that members are using them to help understand how a service structure can work in Cuba. The Associate Director was asked to do a workshop at the Convention on “Responsibility.” There 80 members in attendance.
- During Area Highlights one issue that was brought up was cult-like groups and sponsorship. This was discussed last year, but deserves mention again, since there are groups like this in Southern California. There have been experiences by some members where in certain groups Sponsors decide for others what meetings to attend and how to dress and behave, who to see and where to go. This type of direction is based on lineage of sponsorship, i.e. sponsor, grand pooh bah sponsor, etc. Members in these groups are afraid to speak up, leave the group, or question the way the group is being run. Delegates have suggested that longtime members visit these groups and share a different view of sponsorship. Experience has shown that focusing energy on these groups often gave them more power. There is an article in the May Forum, Page 12, which I brought for you. It also refers to the two pamphlets Purpose and Suggestions (P-13) and Sponsorship – What’s it all About (P-31).
- Something I’d like all of you to think about is holding a special Service Day for the Area or a second Assembly. As soon as this report is completed I will do a presentation on that idea.
- Some other ideas I’d like the area to work on are purchasing translation equipment to be used for Assembly and/or Convention, and what can we do to make Action Committees more effective.
- On a final note, I’d like to thank all of you once again for an experience of a lifetime. I can’t believe that I get to do this again for two more years, God willing.

Sandi Cox - Panel 46 CA (N)

Officer Reports

Treasurer’s Report

- Hi Everyone. This is my first assembly as NCWSC treasurer and I so excited. Please be patient with me for I’m not perfect. Carol is a tough act to follow. She has been great in assisting me with what I need to have done for assembly. I have been busy learning Quick book. It has been a challenge and fun at the same time.
- The balance in the checking account at the present time is \$60,753.06. Pat yourselves on the back for your frugality and the generosity of groups, individuals and districts. Donation address again is. P.O. Box 1751 Alameda, CA 94501. They do not come to my address or the Fremont P.O. Box. Please make sure you have put your WSO # on the check along with the Dist # and correct address where the meeting is held. This will make my job and the job of Flavia, my assistant, much easier. Thank you.
- Special thanks to Judy, who writes the thank you letters for donations.
- This is our first year to have a credit card. I just learned from Carol that I need to do the data entry differently. There for my Reports are not quite accurate. That’s ok! I’ll have it all together in time for Committee meeting in October.
- I apologize for the delay in getting out the Appeal Letter. It will go out after Assembly.
- Please turn in your expense reimbursement as quick as you can. They go to P. O. Box 107, Fremont, CA 94537-107. Please do not be sending them to my personal address.
- Thanks for all your assistance, support and patient these past eight months. It is progress not perfection so keep helping. I can use all the help I can get.

Financial Report

- The report is in the Assembly 12-Stepper
- If there are any questions on the report, please ask Nancy or the past Treasurer, Carol.
- Profit and Loss report is in the DR bins.
- GRs were given a copy of the balance and the profit and loss sheets as of July 31, 2006.

- DRs will receive a copy of a list of donations for all the groups in your district. If we didn't have the WSO number of the group, there may be discrepancies.
- Question: Expenditures for facilities show a negative balance. Did we receive a refund on something? Yes, because of the changes in last year's convention, when the original hotel refunded our deposit, this showed a reversal in the expenditures.

Love in Service, Nancy Mitchell, Treasurer

Chairperson Report

Hello fellow NCWSA members! Welcome to Assembly!!!! I am very disappointed that I am not here with you. My sister is getting married in Mendocino on September 9th, and I am in the wedding. It is one of those choices in life that are very difficult to make, as I wish I could be both places at once. I am grateful to Vicki H. for stepping in and serving as NCWSA Chair this weekend. I am with all of you in spirit. As the NCWSA Chair, I have done the following in 2006:

- Attended the exchange meeting on January 8, 2006
- Reviewed and given input on the new job description for Facilities Coordinator
- Reviewed and given input on the new job description, to the EC Committee, for the Proposed NOCAC Treasurer and Financial Assistant Guidelines
- Prepared the agenda for the February 2006 NCWSC meeting
- Worked with the DR hosting the February 2006 NCWSC in arranging the Friday evening dinner
- E-mailed the DRs from District 6 – 10 with the information needed to bring a bid to the February 2006 NCWSC meeting, for the May 2006 NCWSC meeting to be held in the Northern Section
- Assisted the Secretary in updating information as to the DRs and Alternate DRs.
- Registered for the SWRDM
- Fingerprinted as the Alateen Safety Guidelines require
- Did Signatory for the purposes of the NCWSC Treasury
- Signed, copied and mailed many checks to NCWSC Committee members
- Attended SWRDM March 10-12th
- Made reservations for Friday night dinner May 12th
- Prepared the agenda for the May 2006 NCWSC meeting
- Approved San Ramon conference expenses for PI/CPC
- Looked into Area Project brought to Assembly 2003 by WSO
- Reviewed and given input on the new job descriptions/Guidelines for Archives
- Prepared Assembly 2006 Agenda
- Made flyer and registration form for Assembly 2006
- Assisted in Peter receiving the Assembly Minutes for 2005
- Requested the EC committee to get the rest of the NCWSC Secretary stuff from past Secretary
- Read and responded to many e-mails
- Prepared the October NCWSC agenda
- Made reports for NCWSC Committee meetings and Assembly
- Arranged for our immediate past Delegate to Chair Assembly

Love in service, Jackie B., NCWSA Chair

Secretary Report

Welcome everyone!

- If this is your first Assembly, relax, take it in, and prepare to be confused at times. To anyone who has never experienced an Al-Anon Family Group business meeting at this scale, the amount of new information to digest can seem immense. Rest assured, we have all been there, too. If you do become confused, please, ask questions. Ask your District Representative, ask another GR, ask one of the Officers or Coordinators, heck, ask anyone who looks less confused than you. If they can't answer your question, they may know who can.
- This is my first year as Secretary of NCWSA and it has been exciting to get to know the Area at a different level. Having never been a DR in this Area, I have learned much. Much of what happens

in NCWSA is similar to my previous experience, but there are more people, more business to be done, and much more organization.

- I've taken minutes for two NCWSC meetings. One set of minutes have been completely transcribed approved and posted on the web site www.ncwsa.org. My job also entails maintaining the roster of committee members, performing mailings to DRs and Coordinators, and compiling the materials for the GR packet in which you found this report.
- Speaking of packets, other contents you can expect to find in your packet include a copy of voting procedures, a page outlining the responsibilities of Group Representatives, the agenda for this meeting, the proposed 2007 budget, the 2006 financial summary, and the minutes from the 2005 Assembly.
- Normally the 2005 Assembly minutes would have been included in the 12-Stepper. Unfortunately, these were not included this year. Please take some time to review the minutes, especially regarding any business in which you participated last year. One piece of business each Assembly is to approve these minutes, and taking a moment to review them will expedite this process.
- There are a couple of procedures you can follow this weekend to make my job easier.
 - Please come to the microphone if you want to speak on a subject. The meeting will be recorded and any words not spoken into the microphone will be missed and may not be included in the minutes.
 - If you wish to put forward a motion, please write your motion on a motion form. These forms are available at the front table. Once you have read your motion (at the microphone, of course), please give your motion to the Chairperson or to me. The motion text will then be projected for the entire Assembly to review.
 - DRs, Officers, Coordinators, past Delegates, and Committee Chairpersons, please make emptying your bin the last action you do before you leave. This will save me much work and the Area much postage.
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Area Secretary. All service positions are challenging in different ways, and this one is no exception. I look forward to an exciting next two years.

Peter Chittum, NCWSA Secretary

Alternate Delegate Report

- I have found that this job has challenged me in unexpected ways, forcing me to face myself as I struggle to do the Alateen Safety Officer job. Sandi has been kind to me and not overwhelmed me with the Delegates information.
- We have received our approval as an applicant agency to receive background check reports. I had myself fingerprinted, but had to wait a week for the site's database to get updated. I know this has affected other around the state. However, our ORI number is correct as is on the form. Many of our sponsors have had their background checks done and no one has been rejected. I continue to receive forms in the mail and process them as soon as I can. I have never been good with paper and this job has lots of paper. Our renewal was sent in on time to WSO, and I will send an update after feedback from assembly.
- I went with Sandi and Carol to D 27's unity day and spoke in Oakland. I also attended SWRDM in Oakland.
- I have failed to assemble the budget committee to audit last year's books. But will get that scheduled this week end. The report will be delivered at the Oct committee meeting.
- As always, this job has proved that service is a growing opportunity for me. I just wish I did not resist so much.
- My address for Alateen Safety submissions is:
 - John Stafford
 - Alateen Safety Officer
 - 735 37th Ave.
 - San Francisco, Ca. 94121-3405
 - Phone – 415-386-7336
- Thank you, John

Liaisons

AIS District 6-10 (Sacramento area) Liaison

- Greeting from Districts 6-10 Intergroup. District 6-10 covers Yolo, Solano, Sacramento, Amador, El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada counties.
- We meet on the Second Wednesday of each month at the People Reaching out Building in Sacramento from 7:30 –9:00PM. The address is 5299 Auburn Blvd. on the corner of Hemlock and Auburn.
- We have a new Share and Care Editor, Sara, who has been doing a great job with our newsletter. Our newsletter can be mailed to you at door with your paid subscription of just \$12.00 per year! There are monthly reports from our DRs, sharings from members, poems, or even member's favorite saying or pages. Also there are flyers for events that will be held in our area. Subscription forms are available.
- We have new Website Coordinator Jim, who has been working with Jim S. and Art B.
- The positions we still need to fill are Alateen Coordinator, and Institutions Coordinator.
- If anyone is interested please contact me.
- Our participation in the Spring Fling this year, Pleas and Alateen -Ari W. from Vacaville spoke. Father Tom is scheduled to be a speaker in February 2007 at the next Spring Fling
- Our annual Al-Anon/ Alateen Birthday Celebration held in May, the attendance was 95 people. Plans for the next year's celebration are now underway. Alateen will be 50 years old!!!! It will be held in District 6. We are looking at the 2nd or 4th Saturday. Look out for flyers.

Love in service, Jane D., Intergroup Chairperson

Santa Clara Valley AFG Intergroup Liaison

Welcome to Santa Clara Al-Anon

- Santa Clara Valley Intergroup consists of about 75 meetings throughout Santa Clara Valley from Los Altos to the North all the way down to Gilroy to the South. We have Milpitas to the East and Los Gatos to the West. We have four Alateen meetings. There are ten Spanish Al-Anon and one Spanish Alateen meetings. We have a meeting at Juvenile Hall, Elmwood Women's correctional facility and the San Jose Family shelter.

Literature for Assembly

- Intergroup is supplying the literature for this year's Assembly. So please drop by and check it out. We also have Service Manuals if you need any.
- SCV Intergroup Special Event Featuring Andrea B. from Dublin, CA!
- Please be sure you have a flyer for our Intergroup Special Event happening on October 7th. The theme is Living the Principles, Receiving the Gifts. Andrea B. from Dublin will be our speaker. We will also be having an old timers' appreciation Italian Potluck Dinner that will honor our 30 plus year long members. We will be raffling off beautiful hand quilted table runners. So please come and join us.

Unity Day

- This past May, Art B., one of our Service Board Members was approached by an AA committee that puts on a Unity Day Meeting and wanted to invite Al-Anon to participate. It took place, Sunday, August 27 at the Milpitas Community Center. They gave us a room and asked that an Al-Anon speaker be part of the day as well. We were able to provide some of our free pamphlets to the event. And Mark B. our chairperson was the presenter. This was a very special event since this is the first time that Al-Anon had been asked to participate.

SCVAFG Intergroup Restructure

- The most exciting news I have to share with you is that last year our Alt. chair, Saneen and Edie D., along with the chairperson, James S., presented a motion to restructure Intergroup to model the new structure that is used at WSO. (see the Service Manual. Pgs. 56-58) Saneen who was our IG alt. chair, noted that the coordinators felt that they weren't getting the support they needed in order to get their jobs done, so she went to Edie D. who suggested the restructure. After about six

months of deliberating and gathering information the Intergroup Reps decided to take a vote. It passed.

- We voted to use this structure on a trial basis for a three year period. We divided our IG coordinators into three committees; Group Services, Business Services and Public Outreach. Then, we let the Intergroup Reps choose which committee they would like to be connected with. In this way, each coordinator was able to solicit help from a committee instead of doing it alone. Please take a look at Art B's presentation attached. Prior to this format, we basically had each coordinator give a report of the projects they were working on, and then solicit help where it was needed. Now, every other month, we have "break out" sessions where the coordinators from each committee as well as interested (now involved) Intergroup reps get together for part of the meeting and share ideas, brainstorm and come up with projects that have a specific focus so everyone is working on one or two projects.
- We are finding that more is getting done and we are generating support from the members at large. For example, Lindy our Institutions Coordinator was worried that a few of our Institution meetings such as the San Jose Family Shelter and Juvenile Hall were going to close because of the lack of volunteers. The Public Outreach committee came together and created a flyer. Then we all rallied to get the membership involved. Lindy now reports that she has enough volunteers to fulfill this service.

How's it going?

- A few months ago, I put together a survey asking the members of Intergroup how they are doing with the new structure. While the jury is still out for a few new members, almost all of them gave a favorable response. On the positive end, many enjoyed the discussion and generating new ideas. The biggest complaint is that many felt they did not have enough time to meet! (see the attached survey result.)
- This is a great project, and I am very proud to report this to you. This shows us the importance of stepping out of an old routine to embrace change in our recovery program. I applaud last years' Intergroup for taking the risk! I look forward to our breakout sessions to see what the committees will come up with next.
- Thank you for letting me be of service.

Chris A. C., Alternate chairperson, Santa Clara Valley Intergroup

Alateen Liaison (Arianna W.)

- I'm very excited to get around to Alateen in Northern California and to bridge the gap between Al-Anon and Alateen.
- I have spoken in several different districts at meetings and at events.
- I am participating in meetings for the Alateen safety committee.
- I have attended a planning meeting for the 2007 Al-Anon/Alateen convention and have volunteered to be a greeter.
- I recently volunteered to be GR at my home group in Vacaville.
- Alateen celebrates its 50 year anniversary in May and we're planning a special celebration. Stay tuned.
- Special thanks to Gloria and Jane from District 6. Buy an Alateen "hug". The money will go directly to scholarships for NoCAC and Westminster Woods.

Other Business

Assembly Bids:

No bids were made, although two districts suggested they would look into it, so a bid will be entertained and voted on at the October 2006 committee meeting.

New Al-Anon 2007 Public Service Announcement

- The 2007 PSA was shared for the assembly on Sunday morning. The PSA was shown in English, Spanish and French, in 60, 30, and 15 second versions.

- Linda, the PI/CPC coordinator reminded the assembly that groups and districts can obtain the PSA. They can also obtain the script of the PSA themselves and DJs/announcers can read from the script directly instead of the canned version.
- Radio and TV stations will respond to members calling and asking them to play the PSA, so contact your local stations

DR Meeting Report

DRs discussed the following topics

- Our main agenda item was a motion to invite Intergroup Liaisons to participate in the DR meeting with a voice but no vote. After much discussion with well-considered arguments on all sides of the issue, it was agreed the DR meeting would remain a closed meeting for DRs only.
- We also exchanged our experiences and ideas for funds and fundraisers and for Public Outreach. I'm sure each district will share their ideas in their District reports. I always hear some wonderful ideas when we all share what we're doing and what we hope to do.

Yours in service, Bonnie M., D18

WSO Guest Presentation (Gen Bruce, Trustee)

Gen led a discussion of the knowledge-based decision making process, a technique formed by the WSO board for assisting in the making of decisions. This process assists in the difficulty presented in AI-Anon service, when people new to service walk in on the ongoing business of their group, district, area, or other service arm. This was termed, "walking into the middle of a 50-year conversation." The knowledge-based decision making process was also related to the twelve concepts of service. Some of the key points follow.

- Decisions should be made with lots of information. This practice has been added to the process of decision making at the board, in addition to using the Traditions and the usual Robert's Rules of Order. If you start with a motion, everyone tends to stake out a position, and take a side and then statements tend to be defensive of that position. This inhibits discussion.
- This year, the process was brought to the World Service Conference. So there is much work done up front, with delegates communicating with their areas. Lots of information is gathered up front. The topic is brought up for discussion on the floor, and then if a motion arises, it tends to better reflect the conscience of the voting body. With this process at work at the Conference last year the results were: 95 voting members at the conference, 13 motions, 11 motions had over 90 'yes' votes, and 8 motions were unanimous.

Ask-It Basket Questions

Question on Gender Neutral Language

Is an AI-Anon/Alateen meeting legitimate, according to Tradition 4, when they change gender-specific language in the steps to gender-non-specific language? Example: Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings, changed to: Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings. Are meetings which do this considered AI-Anon meetings in compliance with Tradition 4?

Answer by John S., Alternate Delegate

If a meeting takes a group conscious to change the wording of the step the group is acting against the policy of AI-Anon. Even if a meeting takes steps to inform members that the change is by the group conscience of the meeting the action is still against the policy of AI-Anon. The group has taken responsibility for the change, in this case, but it is still against the policy of AI-Anon. It requires 2/3 vote of the meetings in the World to change the steps.

Question on Fundraising

Restaurants in my area offer fund raising opportunities for non-profit organizations. Flyers are distributed to non-profit membership. Members bring flyers to the restaurant on a designated day, and a portion of the money made from people eating at the restaurant is given to the non-profit organization. This is a

community service for the restaurant. Would our district be within the Steps, Traditions, and or Concepts to hold a night at such a restaurant?

Answer by Carol K., Immediate Past Treasurer

No. This would be affiliation with an outside entity. There also seems to be a question of anonymity. Finally, the seventh tradition of being fully self-supporting could also be called into question. Once you've paid the bill, the money coming back to you is coming from an outside organization.

Questions on Insurance

Does insurance for the Area include insurance to cover onsite childcare during meetings?

Answer by Peggy P., Insurance Coordinator

Currently I don't have a lot of answers to insurance questions. I will answer any insurance questions directly, or the insurance committee will do the research to any questions that arise. If you have insurance questions, please send her an email. The email address can be found in the 12-Stepper.

Question on Group Funds

Our group treasurer wants to know if she needs to keep copies of cancelled checks from our group account for a certain number of years. Also, we don't keep large amounts in the account, like rent for three months, are we supposed to file some sort of IRS tax report? If we're not incorporated is there some policy for how to handle this?

Answer by Art B., Past Delegate

There are no specific guidelines for groups, districts, etc, unless they are incorporated. Groups have the autonomy to handle their finances however they see decide. Of course, you must remain within the law. If you file an income tax return, it would be best to check with the IRS on record retention. I also looked through the service manual to see if there's anything specific about recordkeeping, and on pages 72 and 73, there is some discussion about group finances. It is important to remember that if the group is not incorporated, it is completely up to the group to decide how to deal with their records.

Questions on Alateen

There were several questions regarding Alateen accounting with regard to the conferences and the NCWSA accounting procedures.

Answer by Joan W., Chairperson of the Executive Committee

This was discussed earlier in my report. Updates to how the issue with accounting problems with the Alateen conference will be given to DRs at committee meetings, and they should disseminate that information to GRs. The EC is always available to participate in problem solving.

Questions on Alateen

Why are we continuing to support NoCAC if the Accounting Requirements are not being adhered to?

Answer by Joan W., Chairperson of the Executive Committee

The accounting procedures are new, as of the problems that occurred in the last NoCAC. Now that they are in place, hopefully everything will go well.

Open Positions

- Alternate Archives Coordinator, Alternate Institutions Coordinator, Alternate Website Coordinator are all open.

Announcements

- In District 22, the Friday night meeting is celebrating their 30 year anniversary. If you're in the area, join us for our upcoming potluck in two Friday s time. Our meeting is a unique meeting having AA, Al-Anon, Alateen, pre-Alateen, and recently adding a Spanish-speaking Al-Anon meeting this year.
- Regarding the NCWSA Convention. When you call to make reservations for the convention, you will reach a call center somewhere not at Squaw Valley. There are lots of options, and I had to choose option 2, which is USA. The next menu option was for a bunch of resorts that were not Squaw, so I picked Vancouver, which happened to be where central reservations are. So don't feel like you have the wrong phone number.

Old Business

Dual Membership

Upon tabling of Motion 0509.07, a discussion arose regarding the dual membership issue and the current pending motion which reads: that our Delegate ask WSC to change our guidelines so that Al-Anons who are also AA members may be in service beyond the group level.

- I feel very disappointed that this motion was tabled again. I represent a group with a lot of double-winners and came prepared to discuss this motion at this assembly. I know many Al-Anon members who also attend AA, but who consider Al-Anon as their first program. It is a disservice to them to treat them like second-class Al-Anon members. I respect this body's decision to table, but why weren't more people informed when this was tabled from last year? *We are in a unique situation where the minutes were not produced from last year's Assembly. Normally the minutes would have been produced for the GRs in plenty of time for them to make this decision and know what to expect, but the prior secretary was not forthcoming with the minutes. Because of no minutes, the agenda that was put out did not have this motion on it. It is an unfortunate situation that was unforeseen. Keep in mind, we are not voting on changing a policy. We are voting so that our delegate can bring this as a topic to WSC. Our vote will not necessarily make any changes for the world, even if we are in 100% agreement on the issue. And even if WSC discusses this again, it is likely that there will be a number of years before anything were to change. Please do not have any false hopes that our action will change the current policy. Our group conscience cannot change what is currently a world group conscience.*
- Can we have someone create an educational recording that can be distributed to inform our Group Reps? Sandi will post a background document that gives information about the ongoing discussion of dual-membership service.
- Will the background document contain information that tells why this guideline was put on the books?
- Can someone who is fully bilingual explain this issue to the Spanish-speaking members of assembly so that they can more fully understand the nuances of the issue?
- Not sure how helpful knowing the history is helpful but the more important is what is happening today with this issue and we need to know that most of all.
- When we come to assembly, we make a motion. Is the delegate unable to act without our vote? *No, this issue is so controversial, so without our vote of confidence, it would be difficult for our delegate to bring up the issue. The vote enables our delegate to bring this vote to the WSC with confidence that this is our desire to have the policy changed.*
- Please avail yourself of Vicki to come to your district to give a presentation on the dual member issue.

New Business

Should Assembly Be Held More Than Once Per Year

Sandi has done some research and put for the topic of having Assembly be more than once per year. She asked for comments and a committee to look into the issue.

- As a past chair, I can share that it is difficult to build an agenda and finish it in two days.

- It was in September for a long time so that the delegate would have the information by December. With new technology and communication modes, this reason no longer exists.
- What I find important about work here is the interaction with GRs, and learning about what the GRs are doing. With a single assembly, we get very little of that.
- WSC focused recently on the “healthy” group. Groups that are strong will fill districts with strong members, which builds a strong foundation. This feeds up to the area. AI-Anon service is about two-way communication. Having an Area workshop would be a good thing, but the group being healthy is very helpful.
- It would be helpful to get a concrete idea of what several other areas do when they have multiple assemblies
- I need to know the cost, and what the proposed agendas would be for each meeting.
- It would be easier to communicate the group in smaller doses.
- There should be plenty of notice for groups with less money.
- A GR introduction meeting would be helpful.
- Southern CA has more than one assembly. Smaller assemblies were less costly than a big two-day event. But their assemblies were not as complicated as ours, which would make assemblies more affordable.
- It might be more difficult to travel more with the size of our area.
- We used to do coordinator workshops. It seems with the size and time of our assembly, we’ve lost that.
- Cost barrier is even greater for Alateen GRs. With a more-affordable assembly, we might have more participation.
- We might get participation by non-GRs if it was more affordable.
- Combining an assembly weekend with NCWSC meeting would be a good idea.
- Having two one-day assemblies might be nice for travel time for people who come from the far reaches.
- One idea might be to start later on Saturday and spill over into Sunday, but end early.
- It might be possible to combine our Assembly with Institutions weekend, or some other meeting.
- Districts in far north and south always bear the burden of long distances.
- Can we switch the assembly date with the convention date?
- It would be nice for District coordinators (who are also GRs) to meet more frequently with their counterparts in other districts.

Ad Hoc Committee: Sandi, Carol, Jackie, Annette (D20), Chris M., Karen (GR D16), Elaine B (GR D01), Debbie (GR D18), Eric (D05)

Expectation is to have a motion at an upcoming Assembly

Language Translation at Assemblies

Several motions were made to provide interpretation equipment were submitted. An Ad Hoc committee was formed. The committee chairperson is Judith Pahnke.

- In my city when there are Spanish speaking members at meetings, there is a translator who speaks into equipment which instantaneously translates
- If we do not vote on this now, it will not address the problem before the next assembly
- This would be a proper item to refer to NCWSC. This does not require Assembly approval to provide translation equipment at the next assembly
- The RSS at San Jose had interpretation machines

WCAC (Jenae and the WCAC Committee)

Note: Issue moved and voted under motion #200609.04

In 2005, NCWSA voted to support the WCAC for the purpose of insurance. The committee was introduced. T-Shirts are for sale at the Assembly. The date is yet to be determined. They plan to have fundraisers, they’ve tried to provide their own personal money, but currently, they have not raised enough seed money. They would like to ask the assembly for a one-time grant to help with the conference in the amount of \$2000.

Discussion:

- What is the money going to go for? *The money will serve as seed money for fundraisers and as a hotel deposit.*
- Can you please explain more about WCAC? *West Coast Alateen Conference is a conference planned for Alateens 50th anniversary for Alateens from all West Coast states. It is planned to be a one-time conference. The idea spawned from when Alateens from NoCAC went to Washington and got the idea talking to teens from the Washington area for a West Coast conference. Several months later, they decided they would try to do it.*
- 2-3 years ago the area instituted new financial guidelines. Is the WCAC committee set up to respect the area guidelines? And do you plan to follow those guidelines? *The committee responded that they will comply completely with the area financial guidelines.*
- Didn't we pass a budget for you last year? *That money was for NoCAC scholarships, which is not affiliated with WCAC.*
- Can we use our credit card to reserve the hotel instead of a cash outlay?
- Not having financial support can be difficult. But can the Alateen Liaison's leftover money be used for this? *That money is for the liaison, which is for a specific function that is not this.*
- Why don't we get money from the other areas that are going to participate (CA South, Oregon, and Washington)?
- If you were able to pay the money back, would you? *If the area wants it paid back, and the committee were able, they would be happy to.*
- I would like to see the event supported.
- Does the treasurer believe this amount is reasonable, and is it feasible for the area? *Treasurer believes that \$2000 is a feasible amount.*
- I would like the financial structure in support of our guidelines to be in place before we give money. *The WCAC treasurer affirms that there should be no problem complying with the guidelines.*
- This grant is a good idea, and the importance of it being paid back is not as important as providing the money.
- Have you thought about doing it in some other venue besides a hotel? *We are also looking into cabins and universities. It is difficult to accommodate a large group in some place other than a hotel, but they are investigating other options.*
- Are you making money off of the T-shirts? *They have attempted to make money on their own without seed money and they found that making enough money is simply not feasible without seed money.*
- I'd like to know about the 2007 budget before I can vote on allocating \$2000 for this. *The money would come out of 2006, not 2007, and the treasurer's affirmation of feasibility confirms the availability of funds. Also, we are ahead in donations.*
- Have you been able to get financial help from the other areas? *No help from other areas.*
- Who is going to be held accountable for this money if there is no conference in a year?
- I have written many grants. I need to know what plan you have, what you have budgeted, what are you going to do with the money, who is responsible for each of these elements.
- Alateen conference financial history:
 - Money comes in (scholarships, or registration)
 - Money goes into one of three accounts
 - The treasurer writes the check
 - The sponsor or co-sponsor has to sign off on the check
 - Three accounts are General, Registration, and Scholarships
 - The \$2000 would go into the General account.
- I would be willing to give you more than the \$2000 if I could see a specific budget for how much you plan to spend and on what expenditures. So it would help to see at least a rough budget with the submission of the motion. I'd even be willing to help. *Since we don't know anything about what is going to happen it is difficult for us to do a budget. We're Alateens. We don't know how to budget.*

About the Web Site

- Can we have a live demonstration of the web site for the next Assembly? It would be nice for the group representatives to see it. *This would require an internet connection be available in the meeting room, but if the room supports it, it shouldn't be a problem.*
- There were plans to do a demo at this assembly, but the cost of internet access was prohibitive.
- Is there a way we can find out what our district web site looks like? District web sites should be accessible from the area web site at www.ncwsa.org.
- Could we put an Ask-It Basket feature on the web site where answers could be submitted online and then answered as they come in? *Currently questions that come into the web site do get answered, but just not broadcast out to the general web site viewers. We can look into doing this, though.*
- This would be a nice resource for group reps to have for answering questions.