

District 12 General Meeting Minutes June 15, 2023

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Start: 6:00pm End 8:13pm

Serenity Prayer led by District Rep. Si-Si

Twelve Traditions read by Linda N.

Twelve Concepts of Service read.

Introductions/renaming information provided by Si-Si.

Attendees (voting) Group Representatives/Alt. Group Reps

Denise S

Si-Si (DR/LDC Chair)

Adriana S (Treasurer)

Susie B

Debbie S

Linda N

Heather K

Cindy. P (ADR)

Suzanne R

Deirdre D

Cindy T

John M

Kathy H (AGR voting)

Bonnie V

Camille

Betty A

Helen B

Brian B (AGR voting/Website Coordinator)

18 voting members at Roll Call

Alt Group Reps (non-voting)

MaryAnn O

Shelly H

Alice NH

Others Present:

Margaret C (Zoom hostess)

Michelle R (Secretary)

Laura F

Rafaela

Nueva Esperanza

Nimfa S (Spanish Liaison Coordinator)

Linda L. (Institutions Coordinator)

Olivia C

Isabel

Ask-it-Basket

ADR Cindy P reported on questions she had received:

Explained the difference of double-headed management and dominance.

Citing information received from WSO (Tracy) an example of double-headed management would be if a group had the treasurer service person purchase literature because the treasurer was "in charge" of the group money and despite the group having a literature service position whose responsible for that. Factors to be mindful of—groups are autonomous, consider serving AI-Anon as a whole, using KBDM, and presume goodwill. Dominance is related to service responsibility and authority. The Service Manual resources are found on pages 198, 199, 200, 215 (Concept Nine, Concept Twelve Warrantee Three).

Round Robin in the county without a Round Robin Coordinator?

DR answered this question. Any group in Ventura County can have a Round Robin as long as it is open to everyone in the District. The suggested donation of \$3-5 helps the hosting group offset any costs (e.g. CAL book to gift, food or beverages etc). The hosting group also uses the funds to make a contribution to District 12 (formerly the contribution went to AIS).

Can a GR represent more than one group meeting?

ADR answered. No GR can represent more than one meeting as they provide one voice, one vote for their group.

What Region is District 12 in? Who is our designated Trustee? (This answer was provided to secretary for minutes but was not answered during the meeting due to time)
District 12 is part of the Southwest Region. Cindy M is our Regional Trustee. This information is contained in the WSC summaries. There are nine regions. The World Service Conference (WSC) Summary is available to read online at al-anon.org/for-members/world-service-conference

Old Business:

Sending ADR and DR to the International Convention

ADR presented information that in the past (prior to entities merging) both AIS and District had been budgeted and funded to send one from each (past AIS Chair and District 12 DR).

Expenses are:

\$305 Registration, \$228 Airfare, \$378 Hotel (4 nights) which totals \$911. Addition yet to be determined is the cost for meals.

Adriana-Treasurer advised that there is \$3575 in the savings account earmarked for the International Convention.

KBDM included the following:

What is the purpose of sending the DR and/or ADR to the convention? A: SCWS Chair and Coordinators are encouraged to take one service trip during their term. This helps by being exposed to Al-Anon at a greater level, aids in their mentoring others by their experiencing this level of service.

The consideration that the Delegate goes to this as service, perhaps District only pays for a portion of this. Perhaps the money is better spent elsewhere. DR advised that Thursday is a complete day of Service at the convention.

Comment/reminder that the International Convention is every five years, ADR will miss the opportunity to represent us as her term will end in 2026.

A caveat offered that the DR/ADR bring back meaningful, useful information and give a report to the District membership. DR stated she had brought information and artifact from past convention as did past DRs.

Question if DR and ADR would be sharing accommodations and that the Service Manual and WSO only delineates the District paying for attendance at Assemblies and AWSC. A: They would share respective rooms with another attendee to share/split cost.

The fiscal responsibility should be important in light of the District not making any contribution to service arms since past treasurer's (David) death. Adriana-Treasurer advised a contribution (\$2500) was made to WSO in July 2022, District had funded support to Serenity by the Sea Convention, and a newly formed Parent Focus meeting. DR advised tonight's vote is only addressing the ADR. The DR has been voted, budgeted, and funded as attending the International Convention.

Last comment was heard that the merge of AIS and District was proposed due to cutting costs and having duplicate positions doing the same job.

Motion to send the District 12 ADR to the International Convention made by Cindy P, seconded by Linda N

Vote: 16 yes / 2 no / 0 abstained

Motion carried

Website Professional

DR presented information on Laine Designs (lainedesigns.com) read announcement of intent to design, launch the new alanonventura.org website for \$1800, which would include training our trusted servants on the basics of it. Laine Designs also offered a maintenance-program for \$100 monthly. (The above announcement did not include web hosting fees.)

KBDM included the below:

Brian B, current Website Coordinator was asked for his input and perspective on the current website. Brian said he was not a webmaster, but thought the website was functioning well enough. Jay, a volunteer, was the person who acted as our only webmaster and understood coding. Brian works well with Jay.

Comments were heard, including the difficulty finding documents, updates, meeting times and dates for District meetings.

The proposal maintenance cost seemed high as one GR paid \$85 a month for her business's website which **did** include the hosting fee.

More quotes from professionals offering us services are needed to make an informed decision.

The current website has the AIS information and branding, has outdated AIS Seventh Tradition information, and electronic links to Venmo and Zelle.

Margaret C offered information that she had presented a second professional during the District Service Board meeting 3 1/2 weeks ago (May 18) and at that meeting DR specified that any and all information regarding another website professional must be sent to her. Margaret emailed immediately to DR the website professional's contact information. The professional was contacted on Monday (June 12) and could not offer a proposal with only three days notice. Margaret questioned the lack of follow-through related to this discussion.

Cindy P favors having a professional on this website situation and desires one that will train our AI-Anon people in service capacity. She advised LDC is making progress on starting an online store.

DR apologized, stated she had not seen the email which accounted for the delay. When asked, DR verified that if necessary, the Bylaws specified the DR could call for a special meeting (e.g. for an emergency vote).

Motion by Si-Si to accept the proposal by Laine Designs to contract as stated by the announcement of intent, seconded by Helen.

Vote 7 yes/ 10 no / 2 abstained

Motion *Not* carried

John M voiced idea to explore shortcomings of website information and seek input from Jay/ Webmaster so as not to revise a clunky website to a "newer" clunky website. He prefers specifics that are measurable targets. John offered to be of service and participate.

Discussion involved other district websites and what they offered, having a task force with the charge to cull information as to our current website's functionality and/or shortcomings versus ideals and possibly other district's websites that are in existence.

The following members volunteered to be on this Specific Website Task Force:

Brian B

John M

Margaret C

Shelly

Motion to establish a Task Force to collect information regarding Website and report back to the group made by Camille, seconded by Deirdre
Vote: 18 yes/ 1 No / 0 abstained
Motion carried

DR requested the Task Force keep her informed, Brian B (Website Coordinator) will do.

Adding the LDC Treasurer to the Bylaws

Topic was presented to the group which was inadvertently overlooked when the Bylaws were created. The amendment would be to Article IX, Section 4, Subsection B.

KBDM included questions/comments:

Can the LDC Treasurer sign checks from the LDC and District? DR/ LDC Chair answered that the LDC Treasurer would only be a signer on the LDC account.

Comment that there seem to be too many people who are able to access funds, sign checks. DR/LDC Chair also reported that there are three debit cards issued (District Treasurer, DR, LDC Treasurer). The LDC Treasurer debit card is only for LDC account.

Motion to amend Bylaws adding LDC Treasurer to Article IX, Section 4, Subsection B made by Cindy P, seconded by Deirdre
Vote: 17 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain
Motion carried

Open positions

Please contact DR regarding open service positions.

Seventh Tradition Contribution Form

DR led KDBM discussion on the Contribution Form after reading the updated form aloud.

Questions and comments included:

What is the reasoning for the percentages suggested (80% District 12, 10% SCWS, 10% WSO), why aren't they more equal in percentage?

Why don't we consider a 60% District, 20% to each SCWS and WSO?

WSO/AFG has been asking for more funds, 10% seems very low or do we (District 12) contribute to WSO more of our funds?

A: DR provided background that a comparison from 2018 showed Group contributions to Intergroup was \$14,400, in comparison to recent contribution totaling \$6000. This is a significant drop of Seventh Tradition received from the Groups in Ventura County. Groups may adjust percentages based upon their group conscience and this caveat is on the top of the Contribution Form.

Comments continued including:

Comparison of the pre-pandemic contribution to AIS and a 2022 amount seem to be unfair especially in light of the pandemic, the transitioning to join entities, and the lack of access to former District computer due to death of treasurer.

Comment that District 8 suggests A 75%, 15%, 10% breakdown on their website.

Motion that the Contribution Form suggested percentages be accepted as it was presented. (read aloud) by DR Si-Si was made by Deirdre, seconded by Si-Si.
Vote: 12 yes / 3 no / 1 abstained
Motion Carried.

International Convention-DR will contact the attendees from District and communicate the themed style plans.

New District 12 Service Position Guidelines

Guidelines are going to be sent to GRs via email, posted to our website. In August the GRs will be voting on accepting the Guidelines (General Meeting August 17, 2023 6:00 pm-8:00 pm)

New Business:

Meeting minutes read aloud at the Meeting or shall GRs, Officers, Service Coordinators, and their alternates be responsible for reading the prior minutes sent via email and/or posted online prior to the scheduled meeting?

Motion to have only corrections or edits voiced, and to not read aloud the meeting minutes but the GRs and Service Board are entrusted to read the minutes prior to the meeting themselves, made by Si-Si, seconded by Heather.
Vote: 16 yes/ 0 no / 0 abstained
Motion carried

Donating funds from District to Alateen SCAC

Bear has requested SCAC funding. Treasurer Adriana advised there is \$4523 reserved for SCAC specifically.

KBDM included information questions below:

DR did not receive a specific amount for Bear's request. SCAC has one attending Alateen from Ventura County.

This SCAC has very limited, low participation this year due to pandemic and several year hiatus of SCAC event.

Why would we have to vote on dispersing funds from a line item budgeted for SCAC to SCAC?

The tuition/registration is \$180 for an Alateen to attend. One GR's group donated a full scholarship to SCAC as was suggested by Alateen during Assembly.

Motion to provide the AAPP (Bear) with up to \$2000 as a Trusted Servant to use for SCAC made by Deirdre, seconded by Linda.
Vote: 15 yes / 1 no / 0 abstained.
Motion carried.

Past meeting minutes

No corrections

Motion to accept minutes by Si-Si, seconded by Heather
Vote: 16 yes / 0 no / 0 abstained.

DR Report

DR advised that to get an item placed on the agenda, please contact her no later than four days before a scheduled meeting. She is available to all GRs.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer advised that Quickbooks Online is the system used for our financials. The Reports (sent via email list prior to meeting) are only providing lump sums; however she welcomes contact regarding any questions please email her.

Treasurer is requesting coordinators prepare a budget for what their position needs.

ADR Report

ADR Cindy P announced the Gratitude Fair will be Saturday October 7, 2023. Coordinators encouraged to have a "fair booth" (table) to showcase their service position, be creative.

DR reported the in-person District 12 assembly was fun. Considering in-person option for November assembly.

Meeting closed at 8:13pm with the AI-Anon Declaration

Upcoming Events:**Service Board Meeting**

July 20, 2023
6:00pm-8:00pm
Zoom: 281 000 2772
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General Meeting

August 17, 2023
6:00pm-8:00pm
Zoom: 281 000 2772
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Gratitude Fair

Saturday October 7, 2023
Time—TBD

Area Assembly

Saturday
November 18, 2023
9:00am-4:00pm