

Montana Fall AWSC 2017...total attending: 25; evaluations received: 16

1. **Enjoy?** 14 yes; 1 yes&no; 1 blank; loved the new changes—breakout & skits; don't understand AWSC purpose; not 100% sure what the purpose is, since we didn't really make any decisions that influenced either the Area or the Assembly agenda; important information
2. **Most helpful?** Break out sessions; reconnection with Alanon members; agenda items that were brought up in the conference call were there; conference call-discussing changes due to the surveys & stepping out of the comfort zone to progress; everything; district guidelines for Alanon participation in AA roundups; discussions; **Alanon meeting was spectacular! I would love to see this as part of every Assembly—it was totally spiritual at so many levels;** agenda well in advance & meeting well run; plans to inject more variety in assembly & appreciated less crosstalk; paperwork coming out early; committee reports & keeping it simple; the little sheets of paper to take notes on & helps to clarify process..personal opinion & question, understanding, nicer that trying to write on agenda your interpretation of what was said
3. **Least helpful?** Extensive conversation on items that had already been identified as being moved to assembly; rooms less lovely, hair in tub drain on walls & my brush was missing after room was cleaned; it was all good; 10 minute break at 10:15am would have been helpful; policy changes but needed & greatly appreciated your services; confused over Alateen presentation..drama; listen to items (like treas report twice) during the weekend, could AWSC have decided about things like the obituaries & P&L on the website?; writing motion for treasurer's computer based on suggestion without exploring options, lack of paper copies to reference, this pushes the cost to the individual, encourages people look at their phones or having laptops open, recommend agendas be available for reference note taking
4. **Suggestions?** It feels like a dress rehearsal for assembly (which I personally don't need). Could it serve its own independent purpose?; I wonder if we reached out to other areas on the WSO connect site to find out how they did it, we might be able to improve the experience; more of the same with the new changes, group meeting in evening or some other time during the wkend; having the conference calls beforehand is huge to prepare for AWSC; better framework for understanding when something needs a motion-when we've discussed it enough to pass it on for a group vote at assembly; **same as bold #2;** have the thought forces explore how other areas are addressing the topics that come up
5. **Problems?** No-10 blank-2 yes-4; did not clean room x3; could not check in until after 3pm; papers on table cut down on side talk
6. **Suggestions:** Blank-8; topic: service or attraction; ideas to support districts/groups as they grapple with public outreach, alateen, group conscience, hosting a writing event; break out for DRs/coordinator if time allows to discuss success/challenges; maybe shorter time for breakout; pick out breakout sessions before the session to save time, make longer session times; remember that all are welcome, who has voice, who has vote, ice breaker; KBDM-how to present, how to find background on what you want to present; more break out sessions, AMIAs training; groups take turns to explain/do skit or demonstrate pertaining to either tradition concept. These would be altered spring & fall assemblies (1st yr-tradition & concept 1, 2nd yr-tradition & concept 2)
7. **Comments:** Thanks to all for a fun informative assembly

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1. **Enjoy? Yes 26 ;harmonious;loved the break outs, Alanon meeting was great!;very informative, GR training was beneficial as I move forward into my new role x2; lots of laughter/lighter atmosphere**
2. **Helpful? Breakout sessionsx12, skitx4, laughter; alanon meeting x 9; announcements/things to take back to groups;agenda moved right along, good way to handle DR reports x3;Elaine's report x5; enthusiasm; share & connect with others; Connie's kind & stern facilitation; hearing what other groups are doingx2; agenda provided ahead of time, things explained well; sticking to schedule/timeframe; fellowship; getting to know GRs, profit-loss statement**
3. **Least helpful? Repetition; WSO report too long/technical x3; confusion on topics, reading from sticky notes on wall; noisy & hard to hear at breakout sessions x3, use room dividers x2; discussion items both at AWSC & Assembly x 2; could use another break out session Saturday afternoon, lot of info to keep track of; present voting after assembly to remember details, being indoors too long, one event outside?; post motions on wall would be helpful; grappling with increase AMIAs training; archives too technical; redundant topics/confusing wording; no posters of steps, traditions, concepts, mission/vision statements; first meeting so occasionally did not know what was going on; dinner hour too late, ran out of water in meeting roomx2; treasurer's report made little sense**
4. **Suggestions? Need more people; more skits x4; always have alanon meeting x5, glad to hear experience, strength, hope; more fellowship at beginning of Assembly; more GR training/ summary/ highlight to explain duties, business meeting format, define AWSC, how motions are developed; laughter keeps us awake LOL; Forum writing session, we tend to sit/eat with those we know; need guidelines for motions/voting both at district/assembly; keep this agenda; voting might be more effective if we started by show of hands "against", I think the whole assembly should vote about venues because it affects all of us & has no effect on WSC/WSO; have topic discussions already in place; cut report down; continue what you are doing**
5. **Problems? No-16 blank-4 Yes-5; water on tables; room not cleaned x 3; problem with stairs; facility seems run down, food improved, loved it, shower in room was poor, loved hot tub option & having restaurants nearby, people in restaurant were gracious & helpful serving, room coffee maker not working, loud at 2am then group disbanded, wedding noisy, pipes squealed all night/morning, food expensive-more \$ than spring assembly**
6. **Suggestions? More networking between Area & districts, not "telling"; more work on actual interactions of members at meetings; KBDM-how to present/get background on what you want to present; WSC topics;more on public outreach, delegate report; keep things simple & continue to use humor & laughter; suggest similar format for reporting on committee updates; cross talk-when meetings are bordering on it, respond by using first name of people; send hello/good work cards to the mtgs that are going but don't have DR or Area representation(Colstrip to receive card); please don't chide anyone who had the courage to admit that they missed what was being voted on. I would much rather have them speak up, than not vote or pretend they know; remind GRs that opening, steps, traditions, concepts, closing are conference approved & need to be read as written; get members involved at area level; abundance concept when discussing money/finances; Alateen training, advertising to get new members; have a member share their story separate from meeting; Service & attraction; how to incorporate technology into how we are**
7. **Comments? thanks so much x5. It was great; thanks Connie for chairing; good overall;whole wkend was well organized & facilitated, laptop computer for treasurer is great idea; lengthen time for DR & delegate reports; glad I made the journey!!!; great meeting! Break out session/alanon meeting lead to more interactions with those from other districts**