

Delegate's Report

September 9, 2022

Hello Friends,

Wow, it is so great to finally see you all in person at our first face to face Area meeting since January 2020!! Welcome Back!

The July 2022 Chairman of the Board (COB) letter was released in August. My fellow Delegates as well as The Board of Trustees got together in August via WebEx to go COB letter. This is an opportunity for Board of Trustees to introduce the COB letter along with a question-and-answer period.

Here are some highlights from the COB letter:

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees announced to that as of June 30, 2022 WSO has already met the total year's budget in six-month period. Having said that the Board approved a revised 2022 budget. Even though expenses continued to be cut wherever possible, the Revised 2022 Budget has **a \$332,730 deficit**. Although year to date literature sales are slightly above YTD budget by \$8,930, literature sales have still not returned to pre-pandemic numbers. Year to date contributions are below budgeted expectation by \$66, 725. WSO continues to need contributions from you, our members, in order to meet the Revised Budget!! The back of each Quarterly Appeal Letter is a great place to see a more inclusive list of services provided by the WSO.

After receiving many requests for more electronic (E) books; the Finance Committee recommended, and the Board approved that all remaining Conference Approved Literature (CAL) sold as printed books be offered as eBooks. In August the WSO staff will start the process required to move forward with this recommendation. This process may take several months to be operational. WSO will keep us up to date when eBooks are available. WSO request that you purchase future eBooks via AI-Anon online Store and not from a third-party vendor.

The Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) had presented to the Board that they have identified, and after extensive discussion that they need to either postpone or reduce the scope of the current 2022 Strategies. The adjustments to the Strategies are based on the capacity of WSO staff and resources. The following are the Strategies that will be postponed are: Electronic Payments from AI-Anon Family Groups, Member guidance regarding Bequests, Phase 2 of the Online Store Upgrade.

The Strategies that will be reduced in Scope are: CAL Globally in All Languages, Updated and Translated Guidelines, Alateen Electronic Meetings and Animations/Cartoons via social media.

Please note that WSO staff in addition to their regular responsibilities will be working on special projects which include the following:

- New Daily Reader (including Translation)
- Translation of the Service Manual
- Electronic Meeting Transformation

- 2023 International Convention
- 2022 Road Trip
- International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) in London
- First Longitudinal Study

The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) announced that the 2023 World Service Conference (WSC) will be on Thursday April 20 through Sunday April 23, 2023, at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. In 2023 starts the three-year trial reducing Conference to four days. The WSC will be in person and will included a visit to World Service Office. Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday April 19 and depart on Monday April 24, 2023.

The International Coordination Committee (ICC) is in the process of planning the 2022 International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) to take place in London, England, October 12-15, 2022. To date, 18 service structures have registered for the IAGSM. In addition to attending the IAGSM, some members of the ICC are planning on visiting nearby and emerging structures, which have not received visits in many years.

At the 2022 WSC, two Thought Forces, “Maintaining a Sustainable Future Using Abundant Thinking”, and “Diversity Today”, and one Task Force, “Encouraging Service Participation”, presented their work. After the presentations, Delegates were asked for their feedback regarding what the next steps should be for these Thought and Task Forces. Based on that feedback along with additional discussion during the Board meeting, the Board decided that no additional Thought or Task Force needed to be formed from the 2022 WSC. The discussion did lead to a Board decision to continue ongoing conversations regarding inclusivity and diversity.

The new deadline for submitting a resume to be an At-Large member of the Executive Committee is now **November 15, 2022**. The new deadline is due to the addition of a short interview which will be conducted by the Nominating Committee prior to January Board meeting to gather more information on the At-Large Executive Committee candidates.

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect: After two years of Road Trip! being cancelled, I am pleased to announce that this year’s Road Trip! event will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022 in Cleveland, OH at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cleveland-Independence. Road Trip! is a great opportunity to meet and interact with the members of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee. Registration for this event will open on **August 1, 2022**.

More information can be found at:

<https://al-anon.org/wso-events/road-trip-you-and-your-board-connect/>

Other WSO News:

I am excited to announce that Jennifer Ullman, currently a member in the Illinois North Area, has accepted the WSO position as Associate Director-International. She brings with her a wealth of international experience along with speaking fluently in French, German, Russian, Italian, Portuguese.

WSO is delighted to announce that the launch of a web page to welcome Newcomers to Al-Anon is now available in Spanish and French!! Entering the URL will take the members directly to the page on al-anon.org.

English: al-anon.org/welcome

Spanish: al-anon.org/bienvenida

French: al-anon.org/bienvenue

I am reaching out to CT Al-Anon to step up to service. As you know we will soon be holding elections for new Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary. In addition to these positions, CT Area will also be looking for new Coordinators for AA Events, Alateen, AAPP, Answering Service, Archives, Group Records, Literature, Spanish Liaison and Webmaster. Please consider a new exciting opportunity to serve CT Al-Anon.

Love in Service

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Panel 60-CT
"Making History"