Delegate's Report September 6, 2024 AWSC Meeting

Welcome, glad to see everyone tonight, and hope you enjoyed your summer. There is a log of information to cover tonight.

News from WSO- I attended a Conference call Saturday, August 10, 2025, and will summarize the information, and become available to the membership once the information is translated in both Spanish and French. So, where can you find it? On the WSO website. Because of the volume of information, I have decided to shorten the information and continue the remainder of the conference call information at the November Assembly 2024.

<u>Chairperson the of Board (COB), Conference Leadership Team (CLT, Finance, and Policy Committee.</u>

• COB

 WSO Volunteers/Staff and volunteers completed training and reviewed the 2003
 Alateen Motion. Note, rereading the motion helps to remember why the creation of the ASBR (Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements)

Finances Matters

- Reserve Fund
 - Thank you for sharing ideas for using the excess funds which I forwarded to WSO back in July.
 - The board approved 4 smaller expense items, one of which was to purchase a new mail-scanning system. The Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) will present other ideas in the October Board Meeting. (stay tuned) for more information.

2024 Budget

- Revenues (Income)- Major source of income consists of the sale of literature and contributions. Other sources of income are from Al-Anon's Mobile App premium subscriptions, magazine sales and investment gains or losses. The projected sale of literature was lower than anticipated in the amount of \$244,258(projection \$279,045.
- Expenses- consisting of WSO staff salaries and all associated costs, i.e., payroll taxes and benefits, and technology support. Conference costs (including interpretation), and offices expenses. The table below reflects the YTD Actual and YTD Budget.

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Year to Date (YTD) June 2024

	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Revenue		
Literature Sales— net	\$1,579,837	\$1,561,365
Contributions	\$1,342,395	\$1,288,671
Other income	\$578,810	\$472,418
Total Revenue	\$3,501,042	\$3,322,454
Total Expenses	\$3,012,633	\$3,039,391
Net Increase/(Decrease)	\$488,409	\$283,063

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Investments

 At Conference, a question to the WSO on the source of the original investment was answered:

Background- In 1970, the WSC voted to establish an Ample Reserve. \$80,000 was the dollar amount invested that year. Since then, the Ample Reserve continues to be monitored closely and has grown to the current amount with NO additional funds added over these 54 years.

This history now appears in the G-41 Guideline on Ample Reserves

- Building Maintenance -an increase in occupancy expenses to support necessary building maintenance projects, increase of postage rates to allow mailings to the fellowship, and necessary technological improvements approved.
- While line items increased, WSO expenses aligned with the revised 2024 Budget.
 Oversight of the Budget is the responsibility of the Treasurer.
- Equalized Expenses- Delegates attending the 2025 World Conference in New York will be \$2,532.
 - Full Cost \$3.617.17

Task Force(s) 2024

- o Personal and Service Sponsorship -Ended
- Revitalizing Alateen -Ended

Road Trip

- Mark your calendars for October 26,2024 where you can meet the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, and the a few of the WSO staff members. Cost \$30.00 Registration September.
 - Where- Columbia South Carolina 8am-5pm
 - What can you expect? A broader understanding of committees and how they serve our fellowship, and how WSC structure works.

Road Trip SC

Al-Anon 2028 International Convention

- 14bids were submitted. Connecticut is part of the submission along with Massachusetts, New York South, and New Hampshire
- 400 volunteers are requested.
- May 23 three cities have been selected.
- June visits to the three cities will begin.
- October a selection will be made., stay tuned!

AA's 2025 International Convention with Al-Anon Participation:

When: July 3-6,2025; Vancouver, British Columbia Canada, Celebrating 90 years

- Held at Hyatt Regency Vancouver Hotel July 3- 6 2025
- Registration opens September 10, 2024, at 12:00PM(ED) online.
 - https://www.aa.org/international-convention
- Al-Anon daytime sessions on Friday and Saturday
- Projected Attendance;50,000 AA members with the hope of at least 4,000 Al-Anon/Alateen members.
- Members wishing to book a hotel room from the block reserved for the International Convention must complete registration first. Here is the link for frequently asked questions? https://www.aa.org/international-conventions2025-faqs.

Where will you be in July 2025? We hope to see you there! Please share this information with members in your respective Areas. This will be going out through in The Loop and AFG Announcements on August 28, 2024.

End of 2019 six-year Trial for Eligibility Requirements for an Area Officer

Background information: There have been more iterations of the eligibility for standing for Area Officers to broaden the pool of candidates who could meet the eligibility requirements and could stand for Area Officers (see attached). At the end of 2025, this motion voted as a six-year trial period will no longer be in effect.

Link for the criteria Task Force Charge: (ctalanon.org)

November 2019 Fall Assembly Motion: that the changes proposed by the Eligibility Requirements for Area Officers Task Force be accepted by the Connecticut Area Assembly to be implemented on a six-year trial basis, effective immediately upon passage. Motion passed with 113-yes, 7-no, 1-abstention Eligibility Requirements December 2019 • Motion: to accept the report of the Electronic Task Force with our thanks. Motion passed.

As of today, these are the requirements:

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWSC OFFICERS' SERVICE POSITIONS Per a motion made and passed at the November 2019 Fall Assembly the following are the current eligibility requirements to become an Area Officer; 1. DR's who will have completed a 3-year term on December 31 of the election year. 2. Past DR's who have completed a three-year term and who are currently active above the group level. 3. The DR's who at the time of initial paneling completed the 2-year term and are currently active above the group level. Beginning 11/2019 the above is in effect for a 6-year trial term. Delegate and Alternate Delegate are elected by a 2/3 Assembly vote and Secretary, Treasurer and Chair are elected by a simple majority.

DR's—As the 6 year trial for the current eligibility guidelines ends in November of 2025, I am asking you to review the current guidelines with your Group Representatives (for them to then discuss with groups and get back to you (DR's) to determine if improvements could be made to better the guidelines before the upcoming November 2024 Assembly or if the current eligibility requirements should stand as written. Should the groups response that no changes are recommended the current wording of the guidelines will remain the same except for the sentence "beginning 11/2019 the only change would be the removal of the six-year trial".

If there is interest in modifying/revising the current guidelines, I would then create the formation of a task force to review and make recommendations for eligibility. Any input from your district/group should be forwarded to me by October 15,2024. Please keep in mind the "Links of Service"

A gentle reminder, I want to emphasize the importance of sharing the Delegate's Report to ensure that everyone is informed by reading the reports both at your district meetings and groups.

Joy in Service,
Elaine M, Delegate
Panel 63
Our Path toward Grace, Unity and Understanding