Delegate News March 2025

New from WSO.

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WSO has seen a 30% drop in registered group numbers since the pandemic. The impact is that newcomers may have difficulty finding us. If you know of a group using the Al-Anon name that is not registered, please remind them of the importance of using the Al-Anon/Alateen name.

Group Records-

Starting in March, forms will be available online to simplify the group registration process.

- No paper forms
- Faster updates
- More accurate records
- Easier reporting of no changes

Road Trip Designation Confirmed An opportunity to meet the Board which is going to be held in Omaha Nebraska October 25, 2025

Board Meeting Highlights

A call for Regional Trustees is out -- please refer to ctalanon.org for eligibility criteria. – Suggestion- tap someone on the shoulder rather than just make a statement.

Regional Trustees Application

<u>The AA International Convention</u> to be held July 3-6 in Vancouver Canada- who's planning to attend. Al-Anon is looking for volunteers to help, consider signing up to help at the event.

Beyond the Group Level Service Definition

The Board recognized it was inconsistently using "service beyond the group level" on its applications. To clarify this, Trustees discussed the phrase at the January 2025 meeting as it is undefined in the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. The discussion revealed diverse perspectives and aimed to specify requirements for World Service positions. Consequently, the Board decided to have the Nominating Committee define specific service requirements for each role, replacing the vague term.

Past A.A. Membership Requirement for WSO Service

Following the October 2024 Policy Committee's confirmation of the existing "Service Participation by Al-Anon Members Who Are Also Members of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.)" policy, the Board of Trustees was requested to re-evaluate the current criteria for members applying to serve as WSO Volunteers and At-Large Committee members. The Policy

Committee recommended that the Board reconsider using "cannot have ever been" rather than "are not" members of A.A. as stipulated in the policy.

From Delegate

This is my last year as Delegate and the Area Officer of Panel 63 will be ending their term on December 31, 2025. It's a good time to start thinking about who will stand next for these roles for the out going term of 2025?

As you are aware, we will be conducting a vote in June regarding the conclusion of the six-year trial period as outlined in "Gratitude in Working Clothes." I would like to inquire if you have discussed the eligibility criteria with your GRs. Additionally, do you believe it would be beneficial to hold a Town Hall meeting to address this matter?

Preparing for Conference and NERD

NERD will be held from March 14-16 to discuss topics and prepare new Delegates for the Conference. It will be held in Rocky Hill where our Past Delegates, Gail, Gina and Marcia will be hosting the event.

I'm preparing for the Conference with lots of reading material. It will be held from April 23-28, followed by a visit to Steppingstones on April 29th, 2025.

CAI

Delegates were requested to submit a Conference Agenda Item <u>Chosen Agenda Items - Al-Anon Family Groups</u> (CAI) for consideration at the Conference. Connecticut submitted one agenda item; more information will be provided soon. Previous CAI topics can be found online. Visit <u>CAI</u> to view past topics.

Public Outreach

We need a Public Outreach Coordinator for Connecticut to keep up our active committee's enthusiasm.

Convention is just a few weeks away, have you registered?

Thank you for your support.

Love in service,

Elaine M

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