

August 11 2018 AWSC Delegate Report

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect 2018 is an opportunity for local Al-Anon members to meet and interact with the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee members, to discuss items of importance both to the fellowship and to the organization of Al-Anon Family Groups. *The 2018 Road Trip!* will be held in Houston, Texas on Saturday, October 20th at the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport. Register online at www.al-anon.org/roadtrip for \$30 by September 28, 2018 to get the lunch; \$30 walk-ins (no lunch) will be available.

The Georgia Delegate is submitting a bid for the 2019 Board of Trustees Road trip. The deadline to submit a proposal for 2019 is **September 14th, 2018**. WSO needs possible attendance numbers in order to plan the event, she would like to get a possible head count by **August 15th 2018** of those who would come to Atlanta in October 2019. Let me know by next Wednesday if you or your members would be interested. It is potentially the same time as our 2019 Fall OAA.

WSO has send out another appeal for someone with five years continuous Al-Anon membership with webmaster expertise to fill our "**Webmaster**" **position at the World Service Office** in Virginia Beach. This position is part of the Digital Strategy Team and an integral part of our Public Outreach efforts. They strongly believe we will get the best candidates from the efforts of members like us who know a fellow member who has the expertise for this position. Please get the word out! Use this link to see the job description al-anon.org/pdf/webmaster.pdf.

Resumes for At-Large Committee positions (includes Forum Editorial Advisory, Literature, Public Outreach, and Audit) at WSO are now due January 1st instead of the date of the WSC (World Service Conference). Contact me for the electronic form or download it from our Ohio website.

I attended the **62nd Annual AA Ohio State Convention** hosted by Area 55 July 27-29 . I heard some wonderful leads and attended the panels that our Al-Anon committee put together. The Theme of the convention was **Service: A Design for Living**. I enjoyed learning more about the AA service structure and adventures doing service that a recent past AA Trustee presented.

I have been contacted by the 2019 AA Convention Planning Committee. The **2019 AA Convention** with Al-Anon participation will be hosted by SW Ohio AA Area 56 on August 16, 17, 18, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Eastgate, 45245. The AA Theme is from their service manual – **Invitation to Fellowship: A Permanent Haven for All Alcoholics**. Their next Committee meeting will be at 7 PM Wednesday, August 15th at St. John's Lutheran Church, 470 S Gebhart Church Rd, Miamisburg, OH 45342. Volunteers are needed for an Al-Anon Convention Committee to participate in this cooperation with Ohio Alcoholics Anonymous. See me for contact information.

Upcoming Elections – October 13, 2018

Since Karen has found it necessary to stepdown from her Area positions, please think hard about who is eligible and may be willing to run for the positions of Alternate Delegate, Chairman, and Secretary. Is it time for us to consider some loosening of our eligibility requirements in order to fill positions for this panel? Please think about this and consider discussing this later today. We welcome Sharon B as she has stepped up to fill the AAPP position.

Our AFG of Ohio, Inc insurance is coming due for renewal in Nov 2018. Other Areas have different ways of deciding on their insurance. Some Areas have Insurance Committees or Finance Committees that would include Budget, Review, and Insurance. We might want to discuss this in the future.

True to form as I write this, WSO has sent out a notice to make sure **AIS/LDC's** complete **annual update form by September 30, 2018**. I have sent out a reminder to our Ohio Area AIS/LDC Liaisons.

And, the **2018 World Service Conference Summary** is now available online on the WSO website al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/. It will be available as a hard copy to be shipped in late August or September.

August 8th AFGConnects Information from July Board of Trustees Meeting:

- A 3-year trial of having Spanish and French professional translators at the WSC for our French and Spanish attendees will start with the 2019 WSC. Net cost of \$100,000 from Reserve Fund
- Upon establishing that an Areas "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" Policies are fair and balanced, the WSO will remove them from the WSO meeting list. Groups not referred will remain active and registered. The procedure for Areas to follow this will be forthcoming in the future.

As I asked in my 7/23/2018 email to you – "what **ideas do you have to support our GR's and DR's** coming to our AREA meetings?" Some ideas that I would like specific feedback on are:

- Other Areas have fundraisers – sometimes in conjunction with Assemblies and sometimes separately to be able to pay for their DR's to come to AWSC; some even pay for the GR's hotel rooms for Assemblies!
- Some Areas specifically target the 2nd Fall Assembly of their panel with a service workshop or "walk around" where each service position has a table with information on duties and skills needed manned by that person during the Assembly.
- In Michigan, immediate past Officers and Coordinators become the new Officers and Coordinators service sponsors. In the first couple of weeks in the new Panel (before AWSC), the New Delegate calls for a "Kick-Off" meeting. Both incoming and outgoing members attend to exchange materials and set the new Panel's Goals, Board Statement and Vision Statement.
- A recurring discussion at both the WSC and the Day of Connecting and International Al-Anon Convention was "how do we reach and support our minority members?" A minority in Al-Anon is an underrepresented group of people – non-English speaking, younger members, men, LGBTQ, etc. I would throw in hearing and visually impaired.

I would like Panel 58 to instill enthusiasm for service back into our Area meetings by having service related skits and/or workshops produced by our Coordinators. These could be done at Assembly and/or AWSC (as time permits) or presented with a suggested listing of materials necessary to do the workshop for our DR's/GR's to take back to their groups.

Yours in Service

Theresa M Panel 58 – We Participate!

In Al-Anon, There Is No Standing Still!