

Welcome AI-Anon Family. I am Ann F, Ohio Area Delegate, Panel 61, and I want to thank you for allowing me to represent you at our 62nd Annual World Service Conference (WSC). The WSC this year was held in Tarrytown, NY. Our Conference theme was Enhancing Our Recovery Through Abundance, Unity and Understanding. The Conference was spiritual, fun, contemplative, historic, exhausting, forward thinking and powerful. It included a visit to Stepping Stones, the home of Lois and Bill Wilson. The entire experience was amazing.

The WSC is made up of Delegates, the Board of Trustees, At Large Members of the Executive Committee, and members of the World Service Office (WSO) Staff. What happened at the WSC? We reviewed motions, heard talks and presentations, discussed Chosen Agenda Items, visited Stepping Stones, attended AI-Anon meeting, connected to other Delegates, Trustees and WSO staff. In other words, we were busy!

The 2021 outside audit review received a "clean opinion"; the best rating possible. Our total assets were \$13.8M and liabilities were \$1.5M, leaving net assets of \$12.3M. The reserve fund is at \$3.6M, or 8.5 months of operating expenses.

Our 2022 budget is again a deficit budget, with a projected year end deficit of over \$300,000. At the end of March 2022, we were already seeing a \$244,000 deficit. A special appeal letter will again be sent this year. Contribution in 2020 were the largest in history at \$3.2M. 2021 contributions were \$2.6M, and 2022 is projected at \$2.8M. Literature sales, which have historically been our largest income source, have not returned to the 2019 numbers.

The WSO provides services of \$281.88 to each group every year. This accounts of \$3.9M of the budget. In Ohio 54% of groups contributed to the WSO last year. Contributions from the Ohio Area average \$133.32 per group.

What does this budget provide? Registering groups, CAL, the mobil app, PSAs, questions regarding meetings and concerns, translating literature, supporting our international structures, the trilingual online store, magazines the *Forum*, *Le Lien*, and *en Accion*, WSC, interpretation, Alateen recertification, protecting the AI-Anon name, our website, updated and translated guidelines, membership survey and the WSO salaries and building expenses.

Projects for this year include: the new daily reader, "A Little Time for Myself," the new Service Manual, electronic group database transformation, 1st longitudinal membership survey, Road Trip, IAGSM in London, Board meetings, bringing the WSO back to full staff. There is currently a job opening for an Associate Director International, posted on the WSO website.

*You can take this back to your group: Thank you for your contributions! They are necessary to provide the services WSO offers to groups. WSO continues to need your contributions. Take a look at your ample reserves, and consider contributing in line with what the WSO provides. Buy a book! Literature sales accomplish two missions: they support the WSO and they help in getting our message out. Know that all financial decisions and actions are guided by spiritual principles and the Finance Committee strives to keep the legacies present in all discussions.*

*Let's talk Trustees. Several discussions at Conference revolved around our Trustees. Trustees are simply AI-Anon members who have volunteered to continue serving AI-Anon. You do not have to have been a Delegate to become a Trustee. Applications for Trustee are due by August each year. The new Trustees, given traditional approval at WSC are, Jean L, Sally K, Ann Marie Z and Penny K. Kathy M, new Trustee at Large, will be starting in November.*

Alateen - The presentation from WSO staff regarding Alateen recertification was heart breaking and gut wrenching. Our WSO staff was put in the position of not having 11 Areas complete their certification by the June 15 deadline. This situation was painful for the staff and it generated strong reaction from those Areas that failed to certify. The take away is, this is a shared responsibility between the Area and WSO staff. The staff is there to help. The Areas need to complete the process before the deadline.

Alateen groups are now in the trial phase of meeting as electronic groups.

Global Electronic Area - The motion to welcome the Globe Electronic Area (GEA) into the WSC structure was the first motion passed at Conference. This was an historic moment as the new GEA Delegate returned to the room after the vote. As of March 2022, there were 674 registered Electronic Groups. A group can be either Physical or Electronic. A Group is a Group, is a Group. Once our Ohio procedures are in place, we can list Groups as Physical or Electronic. WSO will continue to register Electronic groups. A group cannot currently have a physical location AND an electronic location. This will

be a future discussion for the Policy Committee. A group can be a physical group with an electronic component into that physical group (what we think of as hybrid). That group is part of our Area. Our job-get our procedures in place!

What's coming up?

Ohio AI-Anon Convention(OAC)–June 10-12, Findlay, OH

Ohio AA Convention, August 5-7, Dublin, OH

Road Trip!, Cleveland, October 29, 2022

World Service Conference – April 20-23, 2023 in

Virginia Beach!!!

The 2023 AI-Anon International Convention will be in Albuquerque, NM, June 29-July 2, 2023  
New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery

With love in service,  
Respectfully submitted,  
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