

Spring AWSC 2024 Delegate Report

Greetings Al-Anon and Alateen family,

As I begin my term as your Delegate for Panel 64 I am excited to be finally on my way to seeing what this position is all about. I remember sitting where you are and thinking that this would be an amazing opportunity for me to try some day. Guess what? This is it!!

The Conference theme for 2024 is: "Our Path Toward Grace, Unity and Understanding."

So far I've had the opportunity to meet my Trustee and Delegate mentors. I've met my Delegate mentor at the past NCRDM's that I've had an opportunity to attend so I'm happy that I kind of know her. The Trustee mentor is someone who I've not had a chance to share with yet, but I'm sure that will be taken care of soon enough. Speaking of Trustees, we will have an opening in the North Central Region for a Trustee in 2025. The application can be found on the WSO website: al-anon.org/trustee. Last month's In The Loop has a definition of the service position and how to apply. The deadline for 2025 is in August, however, the application must be turned in and approved by Spring Assembly on May 18 of this year as stated in our Handbook on page 18, section 13. Please take an inventory of your service experience and think about taking on this service to represent the North Central Region!

The COB (Chairperson of the Board) webinar was on February 17 and was well attended. I will have more information after I attend the WSC (World Service Conference) but the highlights I'd like to share with you are the new daily reader; A Little Time For Myself, has made 2023 the highest-grossing year ever for literature sales. It has also been an amazing asset to our CAL (Conference Approved Literature). The message to you all from WSO is one of gratitude and along with group contributions, purchases of CAL and subscriptions to the Mobile App premium content, 2023 ended very well.

Other discussions included highlights from the January 2024 Board Week such as diversity and inclusion on a group level. How our Legacies and Mission Statement represent the spiritual principle of inclusion. That when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, Al-Anon and Alateen will be there. Is there more we can do to reach out? Do we assume that others know what our program is about and are there more ways we can reach out to others?

Another interesting discussion point was "hidden norms". Items that are understood by some but not documented. As I've been involved in the service part of Al-Anon and I've been getting familiar with the Guidelines and Handbook, I see many of those items. We assume a past practice but because it's not documented new people coming in and trying to serve the fellowship are not aware of how things work and therefore are disenchanting and turned away from service.

Road Trip! You and your Board Connect:

This will take place in Columbia, SC in 2024. Save the date! October 28th. Planning has begun and more will be revealed!

The WSO Project Landscape includes the following:

- eBooks globally
- Next Generation Group Records
- Online Store Version 2.0
- Electronic Alateen Planning & Validation
- CAL Globally
- GEMS Booklet
- A.A. 2025 International Convention in Vancouver
- AI-Anon 2028 International Convention Site Selection
- Revamping the Trustee Application

2025 Visit to Stepping Stones:

In 2025 I will be gratefully attending Stepping Stones in New York. The cost of this trip is quite an additional amount as we will be holding the conference in New York and prices are much higher than in the Va. Beach area. Moving forward, the discussion will be how and do we want to continue this trip for our Delegate's once during their 3-year term. Does the membership feel it's an important part of our journey to experience our founder's home and the serenity and powerful feeling of being connected to Lois and Bill? This is a conversation we will have to have with our groups as the costs will only move to higher levels. This will be discussed at length during the Conference and hopefully I'll return with more insight. Meanwhile, please take this back to your members and get their feelings and feedback for me to use while I'm attending the Conference. Feel free to email me @ roseydago@gmail.com with any questions and/or comments on what you think.

Through the International Coordination Committee the Board has approved translations and printings of CAL in 2 additional languages. Latvia and Mongolian.

The Forum is celebrating its 70th anniversary. If you subscribe to the Forum, you may have noticed the front cover change and the past articles being reprinted. In future months you will be able to read past articles from Adult Children groups, a reprint of a cartoon entitled "Stepping Lightly" and an article about the Traditions from Inside AI-Anon before it became a part of the Forum.

Two items that I have worked on so far in preparation for the WSC are Area Highlights and the Chosen Agenda Items.

The Area Highlights is a meeting without WSO participation where the Delegates can get together before the Conference and share what is happening in our Area. With the help of my Service Sponsor, Ann F., I was able to submit a report to share. This meeting is not an official part of the WSC and is put together by three of the outgoing Delegates.

I submitted two (2) Chosen Agenda Items but won't know if they will be discussed until the Conference. One was regarding how to attract more members to be Group Representatives (submitted from Ann F.) and the other was how to attract Alateen membership (suggested by Daisy A.)

I'm sure there is more I can report but, since this is my first trial run, have patience with me and as I've said, when I've sat where you are sitting the last thing I wanted to hear was a long Delegate report! I'll try to keep it interesting as I move down this road. A funny thing happened a few days ago that I'd like to share with you all. It made me more aware that none of us are perfect – even the WSO! I was trying to get on the AFG Connects Delegate community when I found that I had been removed from the link. I thought maybe I had been “fired” already after only 2 months. Not so. It was an error on their part. It makes me know my HP does have a sense of humor – even in my service role.

Thank you for listening and letting me serve you for the next 3 years.

With love and gratitude,

Rose Rollins

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