

Blessings and welcome to our Fall Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting. I can hardly believe that it's almost September! In preparing to do this report I am filled with gratitude that I'm of sound mind and body to continue this service position. As I look around me, there are many others who are struggling just to survive daily. I am truly blessed.

I'm going to give you a brief review of what's going on in our Area and at the World Service Office (WSO) since the last report given at Spring Assembly.

There was not a Chairperson of the Board (COB) presentation for April, 2025 however, we did receive the letter and had an opportunity to meet with our Trustee to discuss any questions we had regarding the letter. The next scheduled COB presentations are August 16th and November 8th. The April COB letter highlighted what occurred at the 65th World Service Conference (WSC) most of which was reported in May to you all. This information is also posted on the al-anon.org website.

One of the items I'd like to bring to your attention is the Electronic Alateen Validation & Implementation Planning that is scheduled to be initiated in July of 2026. The proposed WSC Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (WSO EASBR) were presented to the Conference and we were asked to bring them back to you for comments and questions. I didn't receive any questions from our Area however, there were questions from other Areas and if anyone is interested in looking them over, I have a copy that I could forward to you via email. While attending the State Convention a few weeks ago, I had a conversation with an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) who informed me that they sponsor a "Zoom" Alateen meeting. Please be aware that this is not approved by WSO and can not happen until our Area meets the requirements for Electronic Alateen meetings which have not been implemented yet. The ONLY Global Electronic Alateen meetings that are approved for registration within the WSC Structure can be found on the Al-Anon Mobile App.

In regards to the Trustee application process, there were no Regional Trustee nominations put forward this year. As a result, there will be five vacant Regional Trustee vacancies on the Board for 2025 to 2026 term. I will be attending the Regional Committee on Trustees orientation meeting this week (8/6/25) to go over what responsibilities I have if and when we have Regional Trustee applications for the North Central Region. There was a Thought Force at WSC regarding overcoming barriers for the application process. They presented to the Conference on the impacts of eliminating the Regional Trustee application process. The Task Force presented three possible options for going forward with a single process for selecting members to serve as Trustee. I will have more to report on at Fall Assembly as I understand and receive more information.

Choosing a Group's Name Policy

Prior to the 2025 WSC, the Policy Committee provided the WSC members with a memo to help prepare for this discussion, a document outlining the history of the "Choosing a Group's Name"

Policy conversations, as well as all the appeals to the policy that had been received by the WSO between September 2024 and March 2025.

During several sessions throughout the Conference, discussions were held to discover whether the Conference members were in alignment on how to proceed. As discussion progressed, many agreements were reached and clarifications shared, including the Policy Chairperson's declaration that it was never the Policy Committee's intention to direct Staff to enforce the "Choosing a Group's Name" Policy implementation on existing groups.

Member agreements included the importance of making sure every AI-Anon Family Group welcomes all those affected by someone else's drinking and not registering groups whose members state they will not be welcoming to all or whose names reflect affiliation with outside entities. As time ran out we could not agree on one implementation approach. Conference members considered how to implement the Policy as it applies to new group registrations and established groups' updates when the name submitted includes an identifier, such as "parents". As it was necessary that the 2025 WSC provide clear direction on how to proceed with implementation before the Conference ended, a motion was offered that would provide guidance to the WSO Staff until the WSC reconvenes again in 2026. The approved motion allows Staff to accept new group registrations and established groups' updates when submitted names include identifiers, as listed in the current version of the Service Manual. When I attend WSC in 2026, we will vote on implementation of this Policy.

I have not received any input on the implementation of the Choosing a Group's Name Policy. I will assume that your groups are in agreement with WSO on identifiers NOT being included in the Groups' Name.

Delegates on CLT for Agenda Development

The motion brought forth last year by Delegate members of Conference to create a task force, composed of the Conference Leadership Team and a minimum of three Delegates, with the charge of proposing how Delegates could be selected and participate on the CLT to contribute to WSC agenda development will move forward for 2026. As Delegates, we will have a voice in defining the topics selected and final agenda recommended and the ability to inform and expand Delegate contributions to the Chosen Agenda Item process.

With that being said, please talk with your Group Representatives (GR's) and amongst yourselves about what issues you see that you'd like addressed at WSC in 2026. This is where our agenda comes from. Links of service begin at the group level and it would be great to be able to submit CAI's from our Area.

In talking to members around our area I'm hearing there are some problems with bullying, dominance and disrespect in some of our meetings. There have been some postings on AFG Connects regarding these problems. I was given a skit from the KY Delegate that looks at some of these issues and I have her permission to share with anyone who is interested. There is also a great resource on this subject in Paths to Recovery on page 334 which states, in part: "We are not the authority on the right way of doing things and need to be loving and supportive of others even when our feelings and methods differ".

Growing Future Leaders - Passing it On

A project is being put together with the idea of how to ensure that fundamental service knowledge is being passed on from current to future leaders in our service structure. A proposal was made as part of the excess funds conversation to capture the experience and wisdom of past and current trusted servants, such as Delegates and Trustees, to create a comprehensive presentation that could be shared at in-person Area Assemblies. The presentation would discuss how keeping our fundamental service knowledge alive contributes to the overall success and longevity of Al-Anon Family Groups. The goal is to reignite passion for Al-Anon service and ensure members are passing on information from one generation to the next. I'm excited to be a part of this and will have more information after the Conference next year!

Save the Date: Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect

Mark your calendars for this year's Road Trip which will be held in Omaha, NE on October 25, 2025. This event gives Al-Anon members an opportunity to connect with members of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee. Registration will be open in September, and space is limited. Be on the lookout for more information.

75th Al-Anon Anniversary Celebration!

Al-Anon's 75th Anniversary Celebration was approved by the Board and announced to us at the Conference! It will take place on April 25th, 2026 (after the WSC) with a tour of the WSO and dinner. All Al-Anon members are welcome. I will have more information at the Fall Assembly. As soon as I know more, you will too!!!

2028 Al-Anon International Convention

The 2028 Al-Anon International Convention will be held on July 21-23, 2026. Yes, you are hearing that correctly, it's not the July 4th holiday weekend. We will enjoy our Welcome Committee demonstration of "Minnesota Nice" in the "City by Nature"! In terms of dates, the decision was made to move away from the holiday weekend because travel is easier, costs are lower, and this way, the event does not interfere with member holiday parties.

This is my second year being privileged to work on the Literature Committee. There is still a great need of sharings needed for our two new pieces of literature;

1. Your Relationship with Finances in Al-Anon Recovery
2. Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship

These can be found on the al-anon.org website under:

- Members
- Members Resources
- Member Blog

Then search for: Finances piece and/or Sponsorship piece.

I also have these saved and can email you the information if you'd like.

Last but certainly not least, WSO's March 2025 financial update.
Literature sales for March were \$283,736. Contributions were \$322,271
Expenses were \$522,174

	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Revenue		
Literature Sales	\$633,330	\$640,117
Contributions	\$777,782	\$640,223
Other Income	\$245,087	\$225,579
Total Revenue	\$1,656,199	\$1,505,919
Total Expenses	\$1,571,030	\$1,589,949
Change in Net Assets	\$85,169	(\$84,030)

This quarter the WSO gratefully received a substantial bequest from an Al-Anon member, which contributed significantly to the increase in our net assets. Without this unexpected income, the financial results would have been different. Recognizing this places in perspective the need for the financial message of consistency shared during the World Service Conference. To most effectively maintain the many services provided by the WSO, our groups need to consistently maintain-or increase-their regular contributions. This is one way to put our Conference theme, "Investing in Each Other to Preserve Our Legacy," into action. Just as consistency in our working our programs is important in the process of recovering from the effects of living with the disease of alcoholism, consistency in our financial support of our links of service as well as the WSO is important in making sure that Al-Anon remains available for those who have not yet arrived in the rooms.

On a personal note, I have been meeting with Panel 64 Delegates monthly to update one another on happenings in our areas and to just talk to each other about issues, concerns and goals that we have before our last year has ended.

Ohio Area is still in need of a Public Outreach Coordinator and sadly our Alateen Coordinator is stepping down due to personal issues. Please search your heart and think about the "boost" to your recovery filling these two service positions could do! It's only for 1 year and 4 months until

our next panel is voted in. Those of us who are involved in the area Service Structure can attest that it is work but, the gifts are astronomical! Get in touch with one of us and we'll help out in any way we can!

Love and Gratitude in Service,
Rose Rollins
Ohio Delegate / Panel 64 - "In Service We Soar"