Fall Assembly Delegate Report October 17-18, 2026

The Chairman of the Board (COB) letter was presented on August 8th. Since I was attending the Ohio Area Convention in Dayton, I wasn't able to be present; however, I received the letter through AFG Connects. As of this date, it has been posted on the AFG website if anyone wants more details than what I'm reporting below.

Seven new Trustees and one new Executive Committee At-Large member were welcomed to the Board this year. The mentorship program will continue to support the new volunteers as they become familiar with their roles and responsibilities.

Trustee invitations to Regional Delegate Meetings (RDM) were clarified. Going forward, RDM's will follow the same invitation process used by Areas and other service arms when requesting Trustee participation using the form on AFG Connects. This change supports consistency throughout the fellowship and reinforces that Trustees serve the entire fellowship rather than a single Region.Trustees attending RDM's as a first-time speaker will be accompanied by an experienced WSO Volunteer mentor with the WSO covering mentor travel costs. Our next North Central Region Delegates Meeting (NCRDM) has been scheduled for March 19 through March 21, 2027 and will be hosted by Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan.

The Board approved the International Coordination Committee's recommendation to grant permission for Chile to reprint Conference Approved Literature (CAL).

The topic explored by the Envisioned Future Work Group (EFWG) focused on professional language and how Al-Anon communicates with outside professionals. Discussion centered on the increasing use of the clinical term "Alcohol Use Disorder" (AUD) in professional settings and whether Al-Anon should adopt that terminology more broadly. After thoughtful consideration, the Board supported the continued use of professional language when speaking individually with therapists and other professionals or defining key words for the website, while remaining true to Al-Anon's spiritual identity and longstanding language in our published materials. It also recognized the value of using language familiar to professionals to help them discover Al-Anon.

The Strategic Leadership Team shared an important update regarding organizational capacity. Staff and Volunteers are currently supporting a significant number of projects while continuing to provide the ongoing services relied upon by the fellowship every day. After careful evaluation, consensus was reached to defer the annual process for identifying new strategic initiatives for the next two years. This pause will allow Staff and Volunteers to focus their energy on accomplishing current Board-approved strategies and projects before introducing additional commitments. The Board will also hold a special meeting to review the current strategic landscape and evaluate whether any existing Board-approved strategies can be adjusted or mediated to better align with available resources and organizational capacity.

The Board did approve funding for two special projects from the Reserve Fund.

1) Support for a SharePoint implementation. This is designed to improve document management, information sharing and operational efficiency.
2) Enhanced Human Resource support. This includes assistance with performance management, employee development and retention efforts.

Both projects are intended to strengthen the organization and improve the effectiveness of the services provided to the fellowship.

The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) has the responsibility of preparing the World Service Conference (WSC) Agenda that facilitates the active voice and effective group conscience of our fellowship. At the end of the 2026 WSC all attendees submitted evaluations. This input is being used to plan for next year.

The 2027 World Service Conference (WSC) will be held on Tuesday, April 13 through Saturday, April 17, 2027, at the Newport News Marriott at City Center Hotel, Newport News, VA. The Board approved the Finance Committee recommendation to set the estimated Full Cost for Delegate participation in the 2027 WSC at $3,300, with an Equalized Expense amount of $2,310, representing 70% of the Full Cost.

The CLT reviewed the theme phrases and words suggested by Conference members for the 2027 WSC theme. It was then sent to the Board of Trustees for their approval. The approved theme will be shared later this year since the 2026 Theme, 75 Years, One Purpose applies from January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026.

Revenue (Income) for the month of June, 2026 consists mainly of literature sales and contributions. Other sources include magazine sales, mobile app subscriptions and investment gains and losses. Literature sales for June were $236,373, while contributions for June were $247,853. Both were below budgeted expectations.

The change in net assets, revenues less expenses, results in a June YTD operating deficit of ($131,709).

Concerns discussed in recent COB letters regarding ongoing declines in literature sales continue into this past quarter, and now contributions have softened as well over the last couple of months. Bequests are helping so far in our performance this year, but we remain behind budget through June even with these bequests. With overall soft literature sales, the revised 2026 budget projects lower revenues for the year: $6,625,614, a reduction of more than $350,000. Expenses for the year are essentially the same as in the original budget which now results in a deficit of ($358,390) for the year with the reduced revenue. The Finance Committee reviewed the details of the revised budget and recommended to the Board of Trustees that they approve the revised budget, which they did in this July meeting.

Through this year, it has been discussed how two of our key spiritual principles, hope and trust, are captured in our budget. While we trust that members will come through with increased purchases of Conference Approved Literature and contributions to fund the services requested, we as leaders must do the footwork to continue to spread the message about the needs of the organization. Tradition Seven forever rings true. I have talked to some members that believe the World Service Office is in the business of making money. This has never been further from the truth. AFG, Inc. is in the business of always being there when anyone, anywhere reaches

out for help from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. Our Groups are the sole beneficiaries of their service. We as members have a say in everything that happens at the WSO and that's why it's so important to step into Service at all levels: Officers, Coordinators, Committee Chairs, Members of committees, District Reps and Group Reps. This Fall we will hold elections and all service positions will be open for the incoming Panel 67 members. Take the step to have a voice for your group and get involved. Your recovery will soar. I guarantee it!

The Policy Committee meets quarterly prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. Each year the study of Steps, Traditions and Concepts are facilitated. This year, Concepts Five through Eight are set for one hour study sessions that are designed to foster the application of spiritual principles within our Policy Committee discussions. As part of the new WSO Volunteer orientation, a session was held to provide an overview of the Policy Committee's purpose and composition and members' responsibilities. As there are a significant number of new WSO Volunteers on board this year, the committee decided to revisit policy guidelines and perhaps include some new perspectives. It's important to know that changes and additions to the Policy Digest are made only as our circumstances and growth require, since anticipating every specific situation would be impossible. There are Thought and Task Forces currently in progress and the committee will report to the membership when any of these work groups are prepared to present.
As always, the Policy Committee welcomes all questions and suggestions from any Al-Anon member, meeting, group, or Area regarding issues that might need further clarification or interpretation in light of our Legacies.

Road Trip - Preparations are well under way for the upcoming event! It will take place in Rosemont, IL near Chicago on Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 8 AM - 5 PM. Registration fee is $35 and room rates vary from $159 + tax per night plus parking. I'm excited to be attending with quite a few Delegates from my Panel. More information can be found on the AFG website Along with registration information.

International Al-Anon Convention 2028 in Minneapolis, MN is coming too! It will be here before we know it as time seems to fly quickly. Dates are July 20 - 23, 2028. More info will be coming. Be sure and start saving to attend this awesome event with Al-Anon members all over the world!

In planning for the 2027 WSC, the Conference Leadership Team (CLT) has agreed to invite all Conference members to submit a Chosen Agenda Item (CAI) beginning in September 2026 and ending February 15, 2027, which will allow outgoing and incoming Delegates to submit topics. Once again, this is an opportunity to submit and select issues of concern that affect Al-Anon groups and members worldwide. As you think about topics, please consider whether the topic merits an in-depth discussion that could benefit Al-Anon groups and members worldwide. Submission guidelines are:

- Each submission has a limit of 100 words
- Name the CAI topic in 25 words or less
- Provide the rationale, an explanation of why you think this CAI is important, in 75 words or less

Feel free to email them to me before the deadline and I will forward them to our “new Delegate” so they can forward them on for consideration.

Some of you may have heard about the security breach which occurred between December 2025 and March 2026. This is the reason the WSO website was down for a while. I have received questions regarding why this was not general knowledge and posted for all members to see. At the WSC we were asked not to discuss any particulars due to legal issues. WSO has the responsibility to follow the guidance provided by legal counsel and to fulfill their legal obligations regarding how information about this matter is communicated. WSO has posted notification which provides details of the data event, the steps the WSO has taken to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future, and steps for members to take if they believe their information may have been involved, or if they have questions. The notification was posted at the end of August and will remain posted for ninety days.

At Spring Assembly I talked about the *Passing It On* project. The Board of Trustees created the Growing Future Volunteer Leaders Task Force, which introduced the project at the 2025 WSC and we were all very excited about it! The goal was to reignite passion for Al-Anon service and ensure that experience and wisdom is preserved and shared across generations. *Passing It On* aims to create a service tool that provides basic information about the role of service as part of Al-Anon recovery. In addition to the spiritual principals that support service, this tool will also provide practical information and resources to help future generations of Al-Anon trusted servants draw upon the experience and wisdom of those who have served before them, helping strengthen and preserve Al-Anon around the world.
To create this new service tool, the Task Force is seeking Al-Anon members who carry the spirit of service and can write with clarity and warmth to help members understand service as an outward expression of recovery. As a volunteer Content Developer, you will contribute to this valuable service tool, which will support members while preserving and passing on the fellowship’s collective experience and understanding of service.
Content Developers will:

- Review existing fellowship materials as a foundation for new content.
- Draft service materials using a framework developed by the Task Force.
- Participate in review and revision cycles.
- Collaborate with the Task Force and other Content Developers throughout the process.

Required qualifications include: current, consistent Al-Anon membership; meaningful service experience, demonstrated writing ability; and fluency in written and spoken English. If selected, you may continue in your current Al-Anon service role(s) while supporting the creation of this new service tool.
The application window opened October 1, 2026 and will close on November 15, 2026. You can find the application on al-anon.org. This is an amazing opportunity for service from those of us who would like to pass on our passion for giving back to the program. Please look to your heart and get involved.

As I get ready to wind up Summer and head into the last months of my service as a Delegate, I’m forever grateful for the experience and growth to my recovery. I am still learning and intend

to continue to serve as an Alateen Sponsor, serve at our District and Assembly levels if needed. We are moving into new areas such as the Electronic Alateen process, an incoming Panel of new Officers and Coordinators and Committee members. Let's all embrace the wonderful experience of service and learning together, presuming good will and discussing with the Legacies the future of the Al-Anon fellowship.

I am truly grateful to have served as your Delegate for the past 3 years and am humbled that you all gave me that opportunity. I have been shown that nothing is impossible as long as I ask for help from my Higher Power and others that have gone before me. During these 3 years I have lost my Sponsor of 34 years and gained 50 + new Al-Anon family members from all over the US. What a miracle this program is! What an experience this has been for me - Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

With love in Service,
Rose Rollins / Panel 64 Delegate