

Delegate Report - Spring Assembly May 14, 2026

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75 Years / One Purpose was the theme of this year's World Service Conference (WSC). It was an amazing experience for me especially since this is my final year serving as your Delegate.

Since I arrived on Friday I was well rested! I even had the opportunity to visit Colonial Williamsburg before the Conference began with some other Delegates. Since a few of us drove or rented vehicles we were able to spend the day on Sunday and it was a really great experience.

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Our first day was one of gathering together and renewing friendships. It was wonderful to see everyone face-to-face instead of on Zoom. We began at 7 AM, as we did every day for breakfast and then on to the General Session room to begin at 8 AM. Day one was pretty laid back though and some of us were wondering if we "should" have been busier! Something felt wrong since the last two years were four day Conferences and this was our first five day experience! While Panel 66 Delegates were attending orientation, Panel 65 and 64 Delegates were meeting to complete our separate charge assigned to us by the Conference Leadership Team (CLT).

Panel 64's Task Force was charged with creating a five minute presentation on sharing healthy ways to deal with conflict in the Area. It was great to see how we all meshed together in our third year. We quickly figured out what we wanted to do and it worked out quite good. As usual, I learned a few things and hope to present something for a short skit at 2 Day Fall for us to share about.

This first day also included Sharing Area Highlights. This event is for the Delegates only although WSO staff is invited to observe. This year we took 45 minutes to move around in two circles to share the accomplishments and concerns in our Area's then the next 45 minutes to do an exercise that's like unconditional love. It's a very emotional process and always leaves an impact on all of us. This year, as in the past, it was wonderful.

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The area around the Hotel was absolutely beautiful so during our free time on Monday, we got a lot of exercise walking around and viewing the wildlife around the pond.

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The second day began with the opening and reading of the Conference Charter and right to the first task of the implementation of Choosing a Groups' Name Policy.

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- A brief recap of where we are and the steps that brought us here

- Selected Delegates whose Area's survey results reflect the identified themes that have emerged came to the mic

Our Area responded with little concern for the Policy change and implementation process. I did contribute to the discussion with a few comments I received via email and talking with members.

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After hearing Delegates (2) each share their Area's concerns, we broke up into groups and discussed "What different perspectives can we offer to expand the collective wisdom on how we, as World Service Conference members, can proceed on this topic?"

We need to look for the similarities, not the differences. There are groups that won't welcome others outside of their identifiers.

Professionals looking at our Groups names may tend to direct their patients to certain groups that pertain to them eg: Adult children, grandparents. Our concerns need to be singleness of purpose. Educating members, groups and service members to let new people know that everyone is welcome no matter how you live your life or what your background is.

Safety in meetings is paramount. It's not about the label, it's about the disease of alcoholism. Rural areas seem to want "warm bodies" in the meeting seats and don't have a preference on identifiers. Larger Areas such as New York, California etc. have more groups with identifiers and are concerned that they will have to change their names.

After careful discussion the Conference came up with a solution and a motion was made as follows:

MOTION #4 – (74 YES, 16 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED

To direct the Staff of the World Service Office to adhere to the following guidelines for implementing the "Choosing a Group's Name" Policy:

- Allow community identifiers such as men, women, parents, adult children, young adults, other gender identification/sexual orientation, etc. in group names.
- Consistently notify the Area Delegate and Area Group Records Coordinator whenever a group submits a registration or containing a community identifier to request these trusted servants have a conversation with the group to ensure their group conscience is to welcome anyone affected by someone else's alcoholism in accordance with Tradition Three and advise the World Service Office of the result and decision regarding whether to register the group.
- Develop a plan to increase education opportunities to share experience, strength and hope with Area trusted servants on how to be welcoming to newcomers, especially those who do not match a group's community identifier, and to have conversations with group members regarding group names and welcoming.

Basically as a result of this motion, we will continue to allow group identifiers in new groups registering and any groups wishing to change their names however, it will be the Delegate and/or Area Group Records Coordinators (AGRC) responsibility to talk with the group (within a 2 week period of contact from WSO), to make sure the group will be welcoming to ALL

newcomers regardless of whether or not they meet the groups identifier. Then it will be the Delegate and/or AGRCs responsibility to notify WSO (within those two weeks time) that it's ok to register the group. If no response is received by WSO within the restricted period, WSO will contact the group and make the decision to register the group.

Read page: A Little Time for Myself

Electronic Alateen Validation and Implementation Process (EAVIP)

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I didn't touch too much on this in the past two years because the interest in Electronic Alateen meetings didn't seem to be an issue in the Ohio Area. However, now that it has been discussed and the implementation process has been decided, Ohio needs to take another look at what will be changing for any Alateen meeting that has an electronic component.

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The WSO is committed to:

- Safety - WSO's attorney conducted a complete review of the 2003 Alateen Motion, the World Service Conference Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (WSC EASBR), and the Global Electronic Alateen Safety Minimums (Global EASM), confirming that the language is internationally understandable and adaptable across different service structures.
- Commitment to clarity - over the last year, WSO has strengthened the processes that define AMIAS-E certification and recertification, electronic Alateen group registration, and coordination between Areas and the GEA. These refinements ensure that every Area in the WSC no matter its structure or size, can follow the same clear, consistent certification process.
- Commitment to preparation - to equip Areas with the knowledge and tools needed for implementation. The official AMIAS-E training will take place in August, with a second opportunity in October so every Area can be ready if they choose to opt in.
- Commitment to conversation - last year I talked to you all about the process moving forward and asked for questions regarding what you would like me to ask. At the time, no questions came forward.

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As you can see, WSO Staff has been working on this project for the last 5 years and are very excited to see it move forward.

If the Ohio Area opts in to be an AMIAS-E, mandated reporting applies.

AMIAS-E Certification

- Mandatory Reporting-is necessary for certification. What happens if your state is not required to have mandatory reporting? WSO cannot hold an Area to a legal obligation

however, obedience to the unenforceable holds true for this and we are responsible to keep the Alateens safe.

- AMIAS and AMIAS-E are two different training modules. At this time, WSO Staff is not comfortable doing both at once.
- The same background check will be required for an AMIAS-E however, every two years will be a requirement.
- All AMIAS-E will be mandated reporters. If they are in a meeting in another state, they are required to report in the State in which they reside. That protects the teen how? If reporting is necessary, it must be done in a timely manner and State authorities are responsible to investigate further. Once it's reported from an AMIAS-E, it's out of our hands.

Training and Implementation Timeline

- All areas are encouraged to attend training (for Delegates (Alternate Delegates too), AAPP and AAC) for AMIAS-E in August, 8/3/26 - 6-9 PM, 8/12/26 - 6-9 PM and 8/15/26 2-5 PM. October will also have 3 dates presumably Saturday and two evening dates also.
- The WSC EASBR does not become a part of the Area's ASBR. It is separate and inclusive of all AMIAS-E individuals and controlled and handled through WSO.
- Teens can opt in to an electronic meeting anywhere. That's why it's so important for the AMIAS-E to know and go through the interview process. Teens will no longer be able to "bring a friend" to an electronic meeting unless they have been interviewed beforehand. Each group and each Area is responsible to vet the teen that is entering the meeting. Area's do have the autonomy to set boundaries so only the State's Alateens can attend meetings.
- Our Area would put procedures in place to support the WSC EASBR. We could add an appendix to our ASBR guidelines to include information regarding procedures for EASBR such as Hybrid meetings.
- WSO will not register any electronic Alateen groups until the form for Area acceptance of electronic groups has been signed and turned into WSO.
- Even if our Area doesn't opt in, our teens can still be vetted and interviewed to join other Areas Alateen meetings. But....our Hybrid Alateen meeting would not be able to operate within our Area. Currently, Ohio has one Hybrid Alateen meeting.

Since I believe that this is a necessary move for our Area, I have voted to move this process forward. I suggest that we (Delegate, Alternate Delegate, AAPP and AAC) attend the training and get further questions answered. The Ohio Area must make the next decision as to whether we want to board the train or stay on the platform.

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Motions and vote were:

MOTION #5 – (89 YES, 1 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED

To recognize electronic Alateen groups as Al-Anon Family Groups.

MOTION #6 – (88 YES, 1 no, 1 abstentions, 0 void) – CARRIED

To implement the World Service Conference Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (WSC EASBR) as the requirements for electronic Alateen groups to be registered in the WSC Structure.

MOTION #7 (88 YES, 2 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED

To recognize the Global Electronic Alateen Safety Minimums as minimums, to be augmented by local geographic legislation related to minors, to allow International Structures to create their own Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements and begin registering electronic Alateen groups.

Slide 15 - Day 3

Our visit to WSO began with a welcome from Staff and Executive Committee members. Although we spent the previous days with a lot of the Staff and Executive members, they were still there ahead of time to greet the buses. It was wonderful to see them lined up waving and ready to hug us all and “welcome us home”!

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Once we were welcomed inside, we had a meeting under the tent outside and it was beautiful. All of us, along with WSO Staff, participated in sharing our experience, strength and hope with each other and it was especially important to me due to not being able to attend any “extra” meetings for the entire week. We were up @ 6 AM and after skit practice from 8 PM to 10 PM, I was in no shape to make meetings!

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Me with the “shoe”

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Our tour included the office area where the staff does all the work for our groups to function, the video room where interviews take place, conference rooms where our ideas are brought to fruition, the warehouse where all of our literature is packaged and shipped, the Alateen showcase where you can see the scarf that was hand made by an Alateen in Canada is displayed holding the Alateen Service Manual and one of my favorite experiences, the Archive room.

The WSO visit lasted from 9 AM - 4 PM then it was right back to work! There was a great presentation from the Task Force assigned to “Applying Step Four to Encourage Area Inventories”. This was interesting as I only thought of groups doing inventories and not our Area. I realized that when problems arise within the Area, which they sometimes do, it’s very important to let everyone in service positions know that they can state their concerns and that we as an Area hear with an open mind. Too often, I assume because “we’ve always done things that way” that that’s how things need to continue. The presentation was really eye

opening and if there is time, maybe we can dig into this a bit more when our new Panel begins in 2027.

Following the Task Force we went into the money report - or as Nikita (Director of Finance and Operations) says "Finance is Fun!!!"

I attended a Zoom on Friday, August 8th to better understand how to explain what happened in 2025 and hopefully to answer any questions you all may have regarding the figures presented in the Audit and Financial reports.

I'm only going to give basics because that's all most groups want to know; however, I have the 2025 Annual Report with me if anyone would like to look at it during breaks. The AI-Anon Family Groups Financial Report is also available for detailed accounts on spending and investments. This is the basic breakdown for 2025 year end.

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- What was the total revenue for 2025 in the General Fund? - \$6,628,143

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- How much revenue in 2025 was from gross literature sales? \$3,141,508
- What were the contributions for 2025? \$3,571,021
- Where did the most contributions come from? Groups - \$1,319,268 or 36% followed by bequests at \$614,239 or 17%

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- What makes up our expenses?
 - a. Salaries and associated costs such as payroll taxes and benefits 63%
 - b. Office expenses such as postage, telephone, stationery and supplies, printing and communication with our Canadian office 22%
 - c. Occupancy
 - d. Public Service Announcements (PSAs)
 - e. Professional fees, travel
 - f. Conference costs and bank/credit card fees 15%
- What were some program accomplishments in 2025? We continued work on our Core Systems Overhaul project to better support our evolving fellowship. We will launch the new accounting software in May of 2026. Attendance at the A.A. International Convention, completion of the 2026-2029 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, launched the Public Outreach to Professionals-Young People Strategy by publishing in several trade journals and advanced the eBooks Globally Strategy.

The 2026 Operating Budget includes a slight increase in total revenue due to the new Service Manual sales, AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) magazine, efforts to highlight specific literature and hopefully increased contributions from the groups.

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The new average value received per group cost this coming year is \$358.00. It's important to remember that not every group is large enough to contribute this cost and some groups are more than capable of doing so. What I found interesting was that of 13,082 groups, 8,000

contributed in 2025 which was 62%. Is your group participating in the 7th Tradition? Can we do more?

We can help with literature and magazine sales by:

- Using literature other than our daily readers in our meetings
- Subscribing to the Forum and giving subscriptions for anniversary door prizes. Use The Forum in our meeting one week out of the month. Steps, Traditions and Concepts are focused on every month and make great meeting topics.
- Invite members to share about what piece of literature they're reading and what book helped them the most in their recovery
- Remind members about the availability of online literature and The Forum
- Remind members how literature sales support our Seventh Tradition

For 2026 WSO is projecting revenues to exceed expenses, and therefore the budget may show a light surplus of \$15,110.

Some of the projects for 2026 are:

- Continue upgrade of the association management software through the Core Systems Overhaul project to better support the evolving fellowship
- The hosting of the 75th Anniversary
- The 2026 International General Services Meeting (IGAM) will be held in Slovenia in September
- Continuing efforts to improve the technology by rebuilding the Al-Anon website
- A new Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) magazine for public outreach in the fourth quarter
- Continuing to advance eBooks Globally by posting the remaining books by September

Our International Representative who attended the Conference with voice and no vote was from Mexico - Alicia M. GSO Delegate. She reported that Mexico currently has 3432 registered groups; 2432 - Al-Anon, 541 - Alateen, 296 - Adult Children and 163 Institutional

Fourth and Fifth Days

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Passing it on

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Bridging the gap between membership and service.

This project came about because of the Delegates concerns regarding empty spaces in service. It was thought that some of the excess funds from WSO could be used for the purpose of educating new members with members who have past service experience. This was discussed at the 2025 WSC and now that there is a plan coming into view it's very exciting to see what is going to be happening.

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The plan is to begin an interview process with WSO current and past staff to oversee this process. They will be looking for numerous members with the ability to be content developers to join in on this project. Applications will be forthcoming and all members are encouraged to apply to be interviewed. WSO is looking for members who have service experience to share.

There will be no limit on years in the program. Once this interview process is complete and the implementation group is chosen, the plan is to take this project on the road to all 68 Areas to share how it works. I may have a bit more information by 2 Day Assembly.

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The International Coordination Committee (ICC)

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The committee was formed in 1978 as an avenue of communication between structures. Responsibilities include helping preserve World Wide Unity, advising the Board of Trustees, coordinating International Al-Anon General Service Meeting (IAGSM), reviewing activities of World Service Office for International Structures, Processing first time requests for reprinting of CAL, guiding structures in forming General Service Offices (GSO) and ensures the International voice at WSC.

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This year the committee visited Guatemala, Ecuador and Costa Rica. I'll have the slide show presentation for Fall Assembly as it was just posted and I didn't have the time to include it in this slide show.

Single Trustee Process

For the past three years, we have discussed the problem of Regional Trustee applications coming forward. In an effort to have all Trustee positions filled, (19 total) Conference members discussed some different processes to come up with a solution. On a three year trial period, we voted to use a Single Trustee process that would involve combining the Regional and At-Large Trustee positions into one application. Since the process won't begin again until 2027, I will present this at Fall Assembly also.

Coming events

2026 Road Trip!!

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Taking place in Chicago, IL on October 24th, 2026. More information will follow on In The Loop (WSO Newsleter) and The Forum.

2028 International Al-Anon Convention with A.A. Participation

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Taking place in Minneapolis, MN (Minnesota Nice!) July 20th - 22nd 2028. Registration opens in September 2027. Rooms average \$249-\$259 per night with different options and lower prices within walking distance. Total costs about \$1,776. I we begin saving approximately \$68/month we can accomplish enough money to go !!! More information will be in The Forum and In The Loop also!

In closing, I wanted to show you all a few pictures of the 75th Anniversary Celebration that took place on Saturday after the conference.

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I want to thank all of you who sent cards to me while I was at WSC. It meant so much to read your heartfelt messages and to know I had your support for the week.

It's been such a stressful time for me these last few months and I've wondered why I can't keep up. I guess I'm refusing to look at my age and what my expectations are of myself. That being said, if it weren't for the World Service Conference and preparing to do this presentation for you all, I'm not sure I would have been any better off. It's kept me focused on what's important in my corner of the world (which my Sponsor said all the time). This service position is more than I had ever hoped it would be. It's taught me how to keep First Things First, Let Go and Let God and probably all the rest of the Slogans that I forget to use in difficult times. It's about realizing my potential in all situations. Not knowing what was coming and trusting my Higher Power with all the outcomes. We will be needing an Alternate Delegate and a Delegate for Panel 67. I hope you all go home and take with you what this means to our Area. It's a wonderful opportunity to give back and to get so much more. Any questions, please contact me and I can give you more information on what is involved in these positions. Any other officer can help also!

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This last slide is what we all received along with a hug during "Roll Call" at the beginning of the Conference. If you look closely, it says "I am a member of the World Service Conference". What an honor, what an experience and with gratitude, I thank you all for allowing me to service the Area.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Rollins
Ohio Area
Panel 64 - In Service We Soar