

Delegate's Report to January 2023 Assembly

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Greetings AWSC members in this new year! As we embark on another year of service in this great Program, I feel hopeful and excited about what's to come. The service manual outlines the work of the Delegate in two areas: At the World Service Conference and In the Area, so I've divided my report into two areas to offer updates; *World Service Updates and Area Updates*.

World Service Updates:

2023 World Service Conference:

The 2023 WSC theme is: ***Love, Laugh, and Grow Together***. The Conference will be held in Virginia Beach, VA on April 20th through Monday, April 24th.

What's Happening at WSO. Our WSO office is constantly working to provide a range of services to Al-Anon members and service structures. Currently, WSO staff is working hard to develop processes and procedures to support our new Global Electronic Area (GEA) as well as Areas who voted to accept electronic groups into their Areas. To-date 27 Areas have voted to admit electronic meetings into their Area structures.

Volunteer opportunities:

WSO needs an at-large Al-anon member to serve on the Literature and Public Outreach Committees. If you would like more information on either of these service opportunities, please contact me at: alanonchar@gmail.com.

WSO Board:

In 2023, the Board will seek to fill Trustee at Large and Regional Trustee positions which are currently vacant or may have been filled by a one-year appointment.

International Convention is from June 29 – July 2, 2023 at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM. Get all the exciting details on the alanon.org website. I hope to see you there!

Chairperson of the Board Letter Highlights:

At the end of September, our year-to-date literature sales remain below revised budgeted expectations—literature sales have not returned to pre-pandemic numbers—and our year-to-date contributions remain above revised budgeted expectations. Staff continues to cut costs where needed and our year-to-date expenses are slightly below budget. Thank you for continuing to send your contributions!

The 21st International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) was held October 12-15, 2022 in London, England. In attendance were all the members of the ICC and 27 Delegates from 18 countries. The theme of the 2022 IAGSM is "Connecting Hearts and Minds Around the World."




Some of you may have been wondering when the printed copy of the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27) v2 will be available. The delays in having the printed copy available have to do with significant supply chain delays which are being experienced globally due to the pandemic. The delays did provide the opportunity to include the changes approved at the 2022 WSC in the printed copy (v2). The printed copy of the *Service Manual* will be available by the end of the year. An announcement will be made when it becomes available.

Area Updates:

GA Contributions for the period of January 1, 2022 to June 30th 2022 was **\$16,342.39**. Thank you GA! Copies of each District and Group contributions are available at this Assembly. Please use the report to create a discussion in your Districts and Groups on why we contribute to WSO. The reverse side of the WSO Quarterly Appeal letter lists some of the services WSO provides to Areas, it can be a great resource to help members understand the many services WSO staff provides so we can continue to grow our groups and carry the message of hope and to be fully self-supporting.

Delegate Listening Tour – In addition to attending the annual World Service Conference to serve as your communication link between the Area and WSO, I serve in the Area to “hear Districts and Groups’ viewpoints on matters affecting the [Area] and the entire fellowship and to be the bridge of understanding that links the groups in the Area with world Al-Anon” - SMp.147. Over the past two months I’ve talked with several DR’s to hear their ESH for their District’s, challenges and how I can better support Districts. Hopefully, working together we will see our Districts and Groups grow so we can continue our recovery and keep the doors open for those yet to hear our message of hope. When I asked one DR how willing are members to serve in their District, she replied; “Service in my District is a habit.”

Service structure in new service manual The revised Service Structure in the 2022-25 SM clearly shows the importance of keeping the communication links between groups via the GR, between districts via the DR and between the Area and WSO via the Delegate. The graphic shows Group Representatives (GR’s) as the first link of service and describes GR’s as: the “liaison between the group and the district and the group and the Area Assembly.” Without these vital links, our service structure would collapse. How could we then effectively “carry the message”? To strengthen our links of service, I made three appeals in my service letter:

-  Reach out to other members to share your service stories
-  Tap someone on the shoulder and encourage them to serve at the Group, District or Area level. Often, people come into the program not feeling able, worthy, or capable so just to say, “I think you would be an awesome...” may give them the courage to put their hands up
-  Be willing to be a “stand-in” even if you’re not “elected.” Your GR, DR or other group or district representatives may need/welcome the support. This helps to ensure the voices of your Group or District is always present at AWSC and/or Assembly and that they are receiving key information needed to support group, district functioning.

Gratefully in service,
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