



Al-Anon Family Groups
Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

Southern Illinois AFG Delegate Report

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US North Central Regional Delegate Meeting (NCRDM)

- ▶ This is an annual meeting to prepare new delegates for the World Service Conference. The weekend is a mini conference, attended by current delegates and past delegates ~60
- ▶ States in North Central Region
 - Illinois
 - Indiana
 - Ohio
 - Wisconsin
 - Minnesota
 - Michigan (part)
- ▶ March 17-19, 2023, Minneapolis, Minnesota



...we are all trusted servants with responsibilities and the right to use our best judgement after consulting a Power greater than ourselves.

Paths to Recovery (B-24), p. 214



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LOVE, LAUGH, AND GROW TOGETHER
AIMER, RIRE ET GRANDIR ENSEMBLE
AMAR, REÍR Y CRECER JUNTOS



World Service Conference
April 20-23, 2023
Virginia Beach, VA

Attendees:

- Panel 61 Delegates
- Panel 62 Delegates
- Panel 63 Delegates
- WSO Office Employees
- Board of Trustees

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2023 World Service Conference (WSC) Annual Report Updates

WSO have had challenging times during 2023, with the loss of Chris Baker. Chris was core to our WSC team, ensuring everyone's plans were settled. In addition, the WSO have two staff member openings.

A new daily reader was introduced at the 2023 International Convention, "A Little Time for Myself". The reader was available beginning July 5 and cost \$17.

There are 176 Al-Anon electronic groups registered in geographic Areas. To date, 45% of the Areas (31) have agreed to support electronic groups.

Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App is 2 ½ years old. The app has over 145,000 registered members and 118 Al-Anon meetings taking place each week.



2023 WSC Annual Report Updates

- Practicing the 7th Tradition – WSC structure and the flow of our 7th tradition – slide deck available
- 2022 Annual Report document can be distributed
- If you are interested in learning more about the International Coordination Committee (ICC) and how WSO Staff support the international structures, a presentation is available. The ICC make recommendations to the Board about issues that affect Al-Anon worldwide.
- The 2023 Road trip will be held in Los Angeles, California. Interested Areas need to submit an application for the 2024 Road Trip by September 22nd. A committee will review 3 potential sites with 1 being chosen by the end of 2023. Locations need have adequate hotel and meeting space + a nearby airport.



2023 WSC Chosen Agenda Items

- **Open discussion on attracting members into Service. What works? What doesn't work? What are the barriers to service participation.**
 - "WE NEED YOU" to participate in Service
 - Sponsorship
 - Enthusiasm "Being a Service Sponsor" Encourage Service
 - Workshop – Joys of Service
 - Going to individuals and telling them "You have been nominated as..."
 - Service & Recovery go together
 - Doing a workshop on Service Inventory
 - Traditions & Concepts Workshops on Service
 - Plant a seed to attract
 - Stagger officer's terms
 - Call and check on individuals in new positions
 - Fellowship together – Benefits of rotation of Service
 - Take a prospective candidate with you to Assembly



2023 WSC Chosen Agenda Items

- **Open discussion on attracting members into Service. What works? What doesn't work? What are the barriers to service participation.**
 - Have someone step up for one year of commitment to fill an opening, and see if someone may want to continue or someone else steps up
 - Have a job fair, talk about positions
 - Add to job description "Service sponsor to the next person taking position"
 - Speed Day, like speed date only with positions
- **How can Area better tap into our wealth of experience with our Past Delegates at the Area and Conference level?**
 - Have an immediate Past-Delegate position on Area to work with new Delegates
 - Past delegate stand for other positions
 - Have line item for Past-Delegate travel and serve as primary member of Area Policy Committee



2023 WSC Chosen Agenda Items

- **How can Area better tap into our wealth of experience with our Past Delegates at the Area and Conference level?**
 - Have an Area committee made up of Past-Delegates
 - Have Past-Delegates attend annual NCRDM
 - Help people learn AFG service structure and lend ESH
 - Move to role of Area Alateen Process Person and Policy Committee
 - Ask to serve on AIS Board and Guidelines Committee and help train new Group Representatives
 - Active at Area level and assist with break out committees
 - Serve with other officers at Area
 - Available for service on Area committees
 - Host new coordinator workshops



Geographic Electronic Group Vision – presentation available

COMPLETED	Electronic Group Transfers Online Electronic Group Registration & Change Forms
IN PROGRESS	Electronic Group Listing Geographic Electronic Meeting Search
UP NEXT	Area Processing of Electronic Group Registration and Updates
DOWN THE ROAD	Hybrid Group Meeting Search Next Generation Workflow for District Representatives and others



Al-Anon Family Groups Copyright & Trademark Protection

- Over the last several years, the onslaught of copyright and trademark violations and members requests for information led the WSO to create a part-time Legal Assistant position. The position informs members, writes letters to those who post violations, and, enjoys positive responses from those members who, once educated correct their website and group procedures.
- The consistency of the Al-Anon message and program can be harmed when Al-Anon's copyrighted materials are reproduced incorrectly, which happens frequently, if members copy and paste from or retype copyrighted CAL incorrectly.
- On a largescale, Al-Anon can be harmed financially by unauthorized third-party entities reproducing and selling CAL without permission.
- Every one of us need to understand how to protect An-Anon's trademark, name, and copyrighted materials.
- There is an unauthorized production and sale of CAL by some individual or organization on Amazon. The daily reader, *One Day at a Time in Al-Anon* is for sale as an ebook.
- If in doubt, an email can be sent to wsolegal@al-anon.org
- A slide deck is available for distribution.



Alateen Electronic Group Feasibility

- This project began in 2021 when a project team was formed to look at the Feasibility of Alateen Electronic Groups.
- The goal of this project was to make online platforms available for all Alateen members who wish to participate- while ensuring the safety of Alateen and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service.
- Exploring the feasibility of Alateen Electronic Groups has afforded the project team to work with international partners and WSC Areas to ensure collective agreement on a solution that could be supported by members globally.
- The project team is reviewing information from the town hall meetings and will consider changes to the draft requirements.
- The findings will be shared with the Board of Trustees in July and next steps will be defined.



Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Board Designated Funds			2022 Totals
	General Fund	Reserve Fund	Building Fund	
Revenue	5,685,503	(1,473,986)		4,211,517
Contributed nonfinancial assets	125,939			125,939
Total Revenue	5,811,442	(1,473,986)	-	4,337,456
Expenses	5,729,985	(140,125)		5,589,860
Change in net assets	81,457	(1,333,861)	-	(1,252,404)
Net assets without donor restrictions, beginning of year	3,377,411	7,648,642	1,259,954	12,286,007
Transfers	94,431		(94,431)	-
Net assets without donor restrictions, end of year	\$ 3,553,299	\$ 6,314,781	\$ 1,165,523	\$ 11,033,603

General Fund note: If contributed nonfinancial assets revenue is removed, change in net assets = (\$44,482)

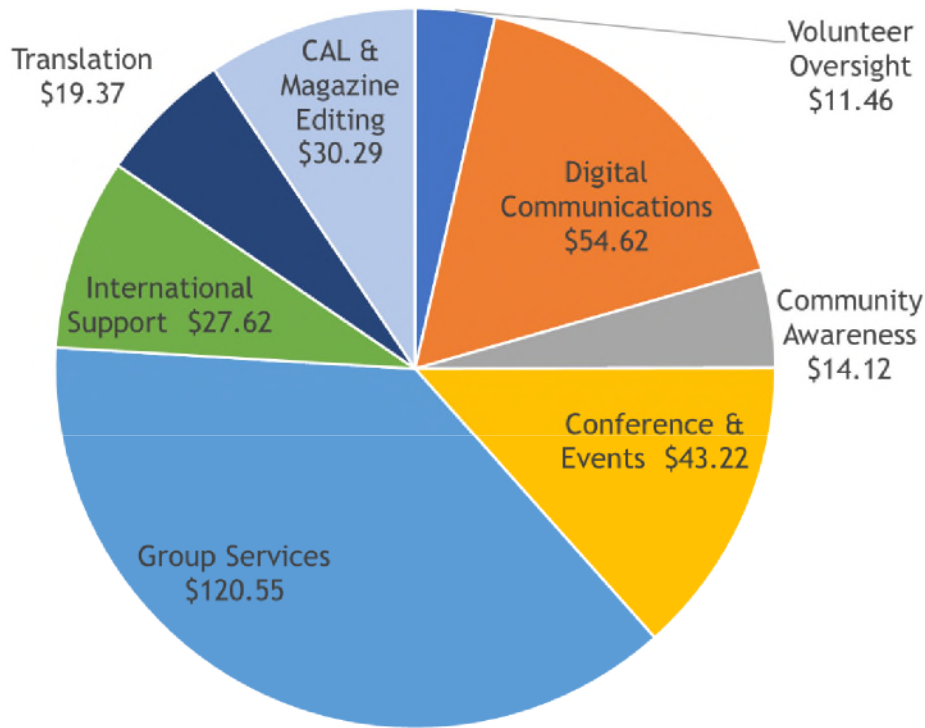


Statement of Activities

Operating (General Fund) Financial Statement	2021 Audited Actual	2022 Audited Actual	2023 Budget
Revenue			
Literature Sales	1,906,751	2,099,846	2,768,930
Contributions	2,623,242	3,337,918	2,532,900
Magazine Sales	238,040	247,368	235,000
Subscription Income	33,328	48,174	48,000
Contributed nonfinancial assets	136,555	125,939	
Investment Income/Transfers	235,693	(173,742)	275,600
Total Revenue	5,173,609	5,685,503	5,860,430
Expenses			
Program Services	2,752,049	3,333,424	
Literature distribution services	922,257	904,405	
General Administrative services	1,575,369	1,492,156	
Total Expenses	5,249,675	5,729,985	5,860,430
Change in net assets	(76,066)	(44,482)	-



Cost per Group \$321.25



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World Service Conference Structure

- There are 68 Areas in the World Service Conference Structure; 10 in Canada, 57 in the US (including Puerto Rico), and the newest Area, which is the Global Electronic Area (GEA). *Note that Bermuda is part of the North Carolina Area (North Carolina/Bermuda).*
- The GEA is currently without a Delegate.
- There are currently 14 Trustees (four vacancies).
- There are no vacancies on the Executive Committee, which consists of three Members at Large, the Executive Director, one voting member of the administrative Staff of the WSO; the Chairpersons of both the Finance and Policy Committees; and the Chairperson of the Board, who serves as an ex-officio member.
- There are no vacancies on the voting members of the WSO administrative Staff, which consist of the Executive Director, Director of Programs, Director of Communications & Community Awareness, Associate Director-International, Associate Director-Group Services, Associate Director Director-Literature, Associate Director-Community Relations, and Associate Director-Conference.

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Questions?

- ▶ I want to thank all of you for your cards that were sent to me at World Service Conference. I did receive all cards and messages. I felt your love and support and it is so appreciated.
- ▶ If schedules allow, I am willing to attend one of your district meetings and discuss any of the presentations.

