

November 9, 2024
Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc.
Area Assembly Mtg Agenda

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8:30 am Sign on and Get "Settled"
9:00 am Meeting Starts (Meeting typically lasts until 2-3 pm)

Opening - Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer (please remain muted and say it privately)

Welcome/Intro

- Establish if there are newcomers and establish a person as resource to newcomers.
- Al-Anon Birthdays (who wish to be recognized) since last meeting in July, 2024
- Need a volunteer to be our ALL-CHAT monitor for today's meeting
- Need a volunteer to be our timekeeper for today's meeting (10 min for discussions)
- Explain ask-it-chat, Brief description of meeting & voting procedures, establish protocols for break time & lunch time
- Please be sure to put your name in the available identifier on screen

Courtesy Rules:

- READ ALL materials PRIOR to November 9 so you are prepared to participate
 - November 9, 2024, Area Assembly Agenda and Attachments
 - Minutes of July, 2024 SIAFG Assembly
 - Treasurer's Materials
- Stay muted when not speaking.
- Request to be called upon in the chat function of zoom if possible or raise your hand. Then you will be recognized by the chairperson to speak – stay on topic, speak for only 2-3 minutes if possible.
- All Al-Anon members have voice;
only Group Reps (GRs) or Alternate GRs (when GR is not present) have vote
- The recording secretary may ask for a written/email copy from your discussion presented today to be used to help summarize, for clearer and concise statements to be included in the minutes. You can email these reports to Christy E.: recordingsec@siafg.org

Attendance – We will determine voting body in attendance for the Recording Secretary

Read – 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts of service with Warranties

Officer Reports:

Recording Secretary Report – Christy E.

- Minutes
 - Read Board of Director’s Meeting minutes Rowena A. (no vote required)
 - Area Assembly (July 2023) Will not be read as they will be emailed out ahead of time and available attached to the SIAFG Agenda. Vote Required. (Attachment 1)

Treasurer’s Report – JoEllyn P.

- Treasurer’s Report – May–August 2024(Attachment 2)
- FY2025 Budget Vote (Attachment 3)
- World Service Conference - Vote Equalized Amount Recommendation (Attachment 4)

Group Records Secretary Report – Jane F.

Delegate Report – Carol W. (Attachment 5)

Alternate Delegate Report & workshop – Katie G.

Old Business –

- Wrap Up: 50th IL State AFG Convention
- Update: Knox County joins District 20 and SIAFG
- Task Force Update – Service Participation Qualifications
- Alateen Update
- Tabled Topics:
 - Procedures for Exceeding Budgeted Amounts
 - Tabled Topic: Email and Website Expenses and Platform

New Business –

District Reports & Group Concerns/Successes –

- Present District by District for reports and show the map of that district on the screen
Chairperson will call on districts by numbers shown on the screen over Zoom.
NOTE this is not in numeric order so don’t be concerned if it seems they are out of order.
The chairperson will get to every district. DR to present first followed immediately by GRs

Coordinator Reports -

• Alateen Coordinator – Anne M. AAPP–Katie G. Alternate Delegate	• Public Outreach (NEEDED)
• Archives Shelly N.	• By-Laws - Tim E.
• Convention – Debbie M.	• Ways & Means (NEEDED)
• Forum/Literature Jane G.	• Webmaster – Ed F.
• News-O-Gram – (Needed)	

Wrap up -

SET - SIAFG Area Assembly Meetings for 2025 – Zoom?, Hybrid?, In person?

March

July

November

As Information: SIAWSC meetings of 2025: (all SIAWSC Meetings held over Zoom)

January 11

May 17

September 13

Adjournment / Close with Al-Anon Declaration

(Please remain muted and say it in your private space)

“Let It Begin with Me. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help - let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and Let It Begin with Me.”

Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups (SIAFG)
Area Assembly Meeting
Hybrid Meeting
July 13, 2024

MINUTES OF MEETING

Non-Approved

The meeting opened at 9:08 a.m. by Chairperson Becky R. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al-Anon birthday/anniversaries since the last meeting in March 2024 were recognized. Rules and guidelines of the meeting were presented. Becky reminded all that the Group Representatives (GRs) are the voting members of the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting. The Al-Anon 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts of Service with Warranties were read. This was a zoom meeting for The SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting. There were 28 members present (11 voting members) at the meeting. Eighteen members were in the room and ten members on zoom.

BOARD MINUTES: Rowena A. read the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting held on March 2, 2024. No vote required.

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

Christy E. asked if there were any changes or for approval of the Minutes of the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting of March 2, 2024.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting of March 2 , 2024 with amendments given by Suzanne D, District 11, as follows:

Change 1: Page 5, District 11: Suzanne D. reported there are currently three meetings and three are active.

Change 2: Page 5, District 11: Also, if giving coins is re-enacted, she shared that Theresa M. has the coins and could get together with her.

The motion passed unanimously with 13 “yes” votes.

TREASURER REPORT

JoEllyn P. presented the Southern Illinois Area 16 Assembly Treasurer’s Report for January through April 2024.

The beginning balance was \$9,356.52 with receipts of \$2,302.76 and expenses of \$4,157.60 for an Ending

Balance (Operating Funds) of \$7,501.68. JoEllyn P. shared that the \$11,659.28 amount for the Ending Balance (Operating Funds) on the Treasurer's Report that was sent to members with the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting Agenda of July 13, 2024 was incorrect and the \$7,501.68 figure is correct.

The beginning balance of the Savings/Reserve Fund on January 1, 2024 was \$8,434.33. With adding the interest of \$1.33, the Ending Balance at the end of April, 2024, for the Savings/Reserve Fund is \$8,435.66.

JoEllyn P. also presented, reviewing by line item, the proposed for the 2025 Budget for SIAFG. A suggestion was made to change the title and the last column title from "2025 Budget" to "Proposed 2025 Budget". The Proposed Southern Illinois Area Family Groups 2025 will be voted on at the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting on November 9, 2024.

Some questions and discussion followed:

- Joan K., Group Representative, District 20: Asked how often we host the USNCRDM Meeting and it was shared that we host it every nine years.
- Jan T., Past Delegate, asked if Southern Illinois Area has received money from the 2023 Illinois State AFG Convention and JoEllyn P. responded that it has been received and will be shown on the next Treasurer's Report.
- JoEllyn P. mentioned that \$500 is given to SIAFG Area Delegate to go to the World Service Conference. If there is money left over, it is reported on the next Treasurer's Report. Carol W., Current Delegate, said she did not get the \$500 this year but has turned in receipts and those will show on the next Treasurer's Report.
- Becky R., SIAFG Area Chair, suggested JoEllyn P. speak with the SIAFG Webmaster about the expense increase in the SIAFG Domain Name and Web Hosting.
- There was some discussion about income, including there are not as many donations as last year. Becky R., Area Chair, mentioned a \$3000 goal to up our donations.
- Carol W., Current Delegate, mentioned that any needed funds should be taken out of the checking account and not the Savings/Reserve Fund. Also, that it was decided by vote that we want a Reserve Fund Savings of \$10,000, but we have the ability to slow down or decrease the yearly 10% of our checking book balance that is contributed to the Reserve Fund.
- Tim E., Group Rep. and Past Delegate, mentioned it may be good to consider putting money in the 2025 SIAFG Budget to fund background checks for AMIAS (Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) incase recertification occurs.

GROUP RECORDS SECRETARY REPORT

Jane F. asked that all meeting changes, including meetings becoming electronic meetings, be communicated to her. In addition, she shared that she can get a meeting detail listing that shows what WSO has listed as group information if anyone wants to know. Also, Jane F. shared about the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual having a lot of good information and that it is available online. And Jane F. shared that some members are still using her old email address and her new email address is grouprecsec@siafg.org.

DELEGATE REPORT

Carol W. presented a PowerPoint presentation of topics and events presented at the World Service Conference, Virginia Beach, April 18-21, 2024. She also mentioned that she has documents on how to conduct a workshop on sponsorship.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT

Katie G., SIAFG Alternate Delegate, had previously shared that providing workshops for the SIAFG Area is one of the things an Alternate Delegate can offer. Katie's experience has been a lack of focus on Al-Anon's Twelve Concepts and thus did a reading on a Concept at the SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting. The reading was from *A Little Time for Myself* on Page 314. Katie G. shared her thoughts on the reading as well as did several other members.

OLD BUSINESS

U.S.NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DELEGATES MEETING – MARCH 15-17, BLOOMINGTON, IL

JoEllyn P., who chaired the USNCRDM, gave additional information and review of the USNCRDM. She shared that there was a Delegate and an Alternate Delegate from every state. The purpose was to prepare Delegates and Alternate Delegates on what they were going to experience at the AFG World Service Conference with the giving of many presentations and also two speakers shared their Al-Anon stories. Ohio is going to host the USNCRDM next year.

KNOX COUNTY, IL REQUEST TO JOIN DISTRICT 20 AND SIAFG

Carol W. gave background information relating to the above request including that Jane G., District 20 Representative, was the coordinator of the request. Also, that Carol W. did reach out to the World Service Office confirming it is the joining of Knox County groups, not just the five groups. Lonna R., District 20 Representative, Northern Illinois Area, (has the same district number as one joining in Southern Illinois Area) said all five groups have discussed joining and are in favor of it. Lonna R. also stated that her district is not all of Knox County.

Carol W. made the following motion which had one correction by Jan T. to include "Al-Anon" in the second line. Tim E. seconded the motion.

This motion is to allow all current and future groups in Knox County, Illinois to reside in District 20 AFG, Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups. Knox County physically borders with District 20 AFG, Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups and currently is part of Northern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups.

Please note that any existing and/or future Alateen groups in Knox County will need to certify through the Illinois South Area's process. If current Alateen Group Sponsors want to continue in service, they will need to become certified AMIAS in the Illinois South Area. An existing Alateen group would not be able to meet until it is registered and connected with Area certified AMIAS from the Illinois South Area.

The motion was approved unanimously with 13 "yes" votes.

THOUGHT FORCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Service Participation Qualifications

Tim E., SIAFG Past Delegate, gave the following report:

Dual Membership is defined as a member of Al-Anon who is also a member of AA.

From Many Voices One Journey: page 197 "the Policy Committee, "wishing to set the matter to rest,""

From the 1977 World Service Conference Summary: Page 8-9: POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT Mary S., Chairman; Lois W., Co-Chairman; Myrna H., Secretary "Once again it is time for us to jointly consider the actions of the Policy Committee during the past year. The statements listed below have come about as a result of requests for clarification on matters affecting Al-Anon as a whole and have been passed on by the Board of Trustees. Now it is your turn. We hope you will take time to think about them before our Conference Session on Policy so that we may have a thoughtful discussion and/or approval:

Motions 1) To re-word the Policy Re: MEMBERSHIP (page 30, Section II, c., Policy Digest) as follows: Al-Anon Alateen members who are also members of AA are eligible to hold office within the Al-Anon Alateen groups. Because of the unique nature of the Al-Anon Alateen and AA programs, AA members may not serve as Al-Anon/Alateen Group Representatives (GR), District Representatives (DR), or Delegates. The need to focus at all times on the Al-Anon Alateen interpretation of the program would of necessity bring about a conflict of interest at Assembly and World Service levels.

Page 28: REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS Admissions Committee Meeting It was the announced decision of the committee to support the policy which encourages members who are also AA members to limit their service activities to participation within their groups and not to seek Area office. MOTION made, seconded and carried-that our policy is clearly defined, that Al-Anon/Alateens holding dual membership are not eligible for (the office of) Group Representative; therefore, this committee would refuse admission of a Delegate who holds dual membership in AA and Al-Anon/Alateen. (Unanimous)

Not everybody that joins AA is an alcoholic. AA addresses this a few times. In particular, Chapter 3, page 31, 1st full paragraph: "If anyone who is showing inability to control his drinking can do the

right about-face and drink like a gentleman, our hats are off to him.” Unfortunately, I do not have a copy of the 2017 Special SIAFG meeting that this was the sole topic.

Tim Elliott - Past Delegate Panel 57

A task force was formed to come up with a motion to present at the next SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting. The following volunteered to be on it: Jane F., Becky R., Colleen M. – GR District 20, Jan C. – GR District 20, Cathy K. – Alternate GR – District 20.

If there are any additional members wanting to be on it to email Becky R..

Procedures for Exceeding Budgeted Amounts

No report. Becky R. and JoEllyn P. are going to look at past minutes to see who was on that task/thought force.

TABLED TOPIC: EMAIL AND WEBSITE EXPENSES AND PLATFORM

This item as tabled at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

SIAFG CONVENTION CHAIR AND PLANNING

Amanda S., Convention Chair, updated the progress being made on the 2024 Illinois State AFG Convention to be held in Collinsville, IL on October 11, 12, and 13, 2024. It will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton and the theme is “Growing Al-Anon Connections”. Entertainment is still being planned. Also, she shared and sent emails relating to the QR code on the registration flier being incorrect, along with the corrected flier. Amanda can be contacted at mrs.amandaschmidt@gmail.com with questions or information on volunteer positions needing to be filled.

ELECTRONIC MEETING PROCEDURES – CHECK IN- NOVEMBER 2024

Becky R. shared that it had been decided previously to review how electronic meeting procedures were working in November of 2024. One of the things mentioned at this SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting was the way of processing donations from electronic meetings is under-developed and is being looked into. JoEllyn P. mentioned that SIAFG Area often does not get donations from in-person groups also.

DISTRICT REPORTS & GROUP CONCERNS/SUCCESSSES

District 10 – Becky R. reported there is a lot of participation at Saturday’s meeting, often around 30. Also, there are other smaller meetings active as well.

District 12 – No report

District 11 – Suzanne D., shared that she is stepping out District Representative and Angie H. will be stepping in.

District 15 – No report

District 19 – Charlene V. shared that new meeting lists are out and attendance is steady and one of the new locations is working out well. Also, they have an electronic meeting as well and a 9:30 morning meeting. Jane F. shared that many of the newcomers are not “sticking” although it is a real active group.

District 20 – Jane G. shared that in-person meetings are going well and are getting newcomers. The district now has two registered on-line meetings that have attracted some newcomers. Colleen M. shared that the meetings are great and cooperation is good.

District 13 – No report

District 14 – Amanda S. reported that the Friday night meeting is not showing on the WSO website. Also, that meetings are being well attended.

District 16 – No report

District 17 – No report

District 18 – Joanne D., District Representative, said they are looking at having a convention party at their next district meeting and granting two scholarships. She is trying to attend each of the meetings to introduce herself. Their district has five electronic meetings. Tim E., Past Delegate, shared the Sunday night study group is reviewing the Service Manual. He attends another meeting that is hybrid and there is a designated person who takes down all names and calls them all to keep full participation. Rosie G., Alternate Group Rep., attends the Wednesday morning group in Edwardsville. She shared that Paralea R., Past Delegate, had a stroke.

Barb S. shared that the Thursday nights group is also hybrid but it is not as large as it was. Al-Anon information has been being delivered to health fairs and has found that helpful.

COORDINATORS REPORTS

- Alateen
Becky R. mentioned that Katie G., SIAFG Area Alternate Delegate, is the Processor for Alateen and Anne M. is the Alateen Coordinator.
- Archives – No report.
- Forum and Literature
Jane G., Coordinator, is planning a raffle for a Forum subscription at the November SIAFG Area Assembly Meeting. She also presented a collage display, titled “70 Years of the Forum” which consists of Forum articles from our Area and information on the Forum. Jane

G., in addition, mentioned there is a new booklet out. Becky R. asked if Jane G. might bring the Forum collage display to the IL State AFG Convention.

Joan K., Group Rep., District 20, shared her experience of writing an article that was published.

- News-O-Gram – No report. Becky R. shared that we need this position filled.
- Public Outreach – No report. Becky R. shared that we need this position filled.
- By-Laws – Tim E. has shown some interest in being coordinator for By-Laws and he and Becky R. are going to discuss further.
- Ways and Means – No report.
- Webmaster – No report. Ed F. is our webmaster.

WRAP UP

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP (SIAFG) AREA ASSEMBLY MEETINGS OF 2024

November 9, 2024 – Hybrid

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE (SIAWSC) MEETINGS OF 2024 (ALL ZOOM)

September 14, 2024

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded and it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:48 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

Respectfully
submitted,
Christy E.
SIAFG Recording Secretary

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA 16 ASSEMBLY TREASURER'S REPORT
May thru August 2024

Prepared
 J. Patterson, September 11, 2024

BEGINNING BALANCE May 2024 **\$7,501.68**

RECEIPTS:

Group Contributions	\$1,435.53
Birthday Contributions	\$72.00
Personal Contributions	\$25.00
Appeal	
World Service Committee Basket	\$35.00
Assembly Registration	
Assembly Basket	\$100.00
Ways & Means - Sales	
-Raffle	
Forum Raffle	
IL State AFG Convention Profit	\$1,933.26
Reimbursement for Domain Networks	\$289.00
Reimbursement for overpaying delegate	\$60.59
Interest	\$0.12

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$3,950.50** **\$11,452.18**

DISBURSMENTS:

Mileage	\$42.50
Motel	
Parking	
Office Supplies	
Printing/Copying	
Postage	
Secretary of State	
North Central Regional Delegates Meeting	\$97.20
North Central Regional Delegates Meeting Alt.	
Delegates Pocket Money	\$196.90
World Service Conference Equalized Expense	
Donations for Assembly Meeting Rooms	\$50.00
Forum Subscriptions	
Email License Renewal	

MISCELLANEOUS DISBURSMENTS:

Ways and Means Merchandise expense	
Ways and Means Fundraiser expense	
Bank expense	
United States Liability Insurance Company	\$1,142.00
World Service Donation	
Fund Raiser Expenses	
Web Page Expenses	\$501.97
Miscellaneous expense	
Background check/IL State fee for Sponsors	

TOTAL DISBURSMENTS **\$2,030.57**
ENDING BALANCE (Operating Funds): **8/31/2024** **\$9,421.61**

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SAVINGS/RESERVE FUND: Goal \$10,000

Beginning Balance:	5/1/2024	\$8,435.66
Receipts: Interest		\$1.39
ENDING BALANCE SAVINGS/RESERVE FUND:		\$8,437.05

Attachment 3

Southern Illinois Al-Anon Family Groups
2025 Proposed Budget

Income	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024	2024	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Group Contributions	4,996.65	6,049.40	\$2,217.62	\$6,652.86	7,600.00	7,600.00
Birthday	\$125.00	\$51.00	\$0.00	-	\$200.00	\$150.00
Personal Contribution		\$75.00	\$0.00	-	-	-
Assembly Basket		\$69.00	\$0.00	-	\$150.00	\$100.00
WSC Basket		\$24.00	\$0.00	-	\$150.00	\$100.00
Forum Raffle					\$110.00	
Ways & Means					\$150.00	
Fundraiser						
Assembly Registration						
IL State AFG Convention				\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Other Donations		\$614.60	\$85.00	\$255.00	\$100.00	
Private Donation						
Returned From Delegate Pocket Money			\$500.00	\$500.00		
Returned From Regional Delegate Money						
Return of Pre-Convention						
Total Income	5,121.65	6,883.00	\$2,802.62	\$7,907.86	9,460.00	8,950.00

Expenses

Mileage	\$333.33	\$44.65	\$0.00	-	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Registration				-	-	-
Motel				-	\$200.00	\$200.00
Office Supplies		\$0.00	\$11.77	\$35.31	\$50.00	\$50.00
Printing and Photocopying	\$28.38	\$41.67		\$50.00	\$125.00	\$50.00
Postage	\$79.25	\$75.60	\$68.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
Incorporation Expenses	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Ways & Means Merchandise	-	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
Ways & Means Fund Raiser					-	-
Forum Subscriptions	-	\$0.00	\$0.00	-	\$110.00	-
Literature				-	-	-
Donations for Meeting Rooms		\$50.00	\$0.00	-	\$150.00	\$100.00
IL State AFG Convention						
Workshop Expense						
North Central Regional Delegates Meeting	\$688.45	\$3,053.08	\$2,533.75	\$2,533.75	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Delegates Pocket Money-WSC					\$500.00	\$500.00
World Service Conference Expense	\$688.45	\$2,527.68	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
SIAFG Domain Name & Web Hosting	\$477.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71.80	\$150.00
Web Emails	\$477.76	\$1,150.08	\$1,150.08	\$1,150.08	\$1,150.08	\$1,150.08
Banking				-	\$100.00	\$100.00
World Service Office	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
United States Liability Insurance Company	\$1,060.00	\$1,082.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Legal		\$525.00				
SIAFG Funding Committee						
Background Check (AMIAS)					\$50.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$1.56				\$50.00	\$50.00
Total Expenses before Reserve Fund	\$4,844.94	\$9,559.76	\$4,773.60	\$9,029.14	\$10,976.88	\$10,320.08
Savings Reserve Fund		\$1,379.58		\$1,400.00		\$1,000.00
Total Budgeted Expenses		\$10,939.34	\$4,773.60	\$10,429.14	\$10,976.88	\$11,320.08
Estimated Operating Surplus before reserve fund						-\$2,370.08

World Service Conference Equalized Amount for Attendance per State

2025 World Service Conference (WSC) is in New York this year. In previous years, SIAFG has paid the full amount because there has been an abundance of funds. SIAFG expenses have been on the rise, and donations have not been matching the increase.

2025 Conference expense will be paid to WSO by the end of the 2024 calendar year. The equalized expense is \$2,532.00 and the full amount is \$3,617.71. As a reminder, Areas with many groups, over 100, (e.g. Southern California) usually pay the full amount, and smaller Areas with less than 100 groups (e.g. Southern Illinois) usually pay the equalized amount.

The recommendation is to pay the equalized expense for 2025 WSC.

Southern Illinois AFG Area Assembly
Delegate Report - November 9, 2024

The 2023 World Service Conference gave conceptual approval “to develop a comprehensive piece on sponsorship and service sponsorship using personal stories from Al-Anon members.” Please share your experiences with sponsorship—the benefits as well as the challenges—so we can all learn from each other how to effectively use these important recovery tools. [Writing Guide](#)

Another exciting bit of news is that the 2024 World Service Conference gave conceptual approval for the development of a new piece of literature on our relationship with finances in recovery. We haven't yet started collecting sharings for that, but once a writing guide has been developed, WSO will announce and make it available.

Al-Anon's newest piece of Conference Approved Literature, *Healing within Our Alcoholic Relationships* (P-95) was available September 16th, in English, French, and Spanish. This 48-page booklet captures the essence of the Al-Anon program in a series of brief but powerful messages of timeless wisdom, adapted from Al-Anon literature on relationships, including *The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage* (B-4). It is perfect for newcomers or anyone needing to "Keep It Simple" and get back to basics.

The [2024 World Service Conference Summary](#) is available on the website under the Members tab! Printed copy is not available yet.

WSO is phasing out one of their fax numbers. The number being phased out is 757-563-1656; the number being kept is 757-563-1655. Please make changes to Area websites, service tools, etc.

I encourage officers and coordinators to attend the quarterly WSO meetings that give us the opportunity to meet with our communities. Also, please remember to check emails regularly and communicate the information.

Chairperson of the Board (COB) Letter presentation on August 10, 2024

Purpose of COB letter is to share some of the highlights from the July 2024 Board Week.

Board Development

- Refreshing Our Spirituality during Board Week
- Documenting Hidden Norms of Behavior
- Welcoming and Developing Leadership
- Completing Annual AMIAS training
- Clarifying the Board Evaluation

Finances

- Reviewed ideas from WSC members for using the funds calculated to be in surplus of one year's operating expense as of December 31, 2023. WSO will Implement a new mail-scanning system. More information will be revealed after October board meeting.
- Revised 2024 WSO Budget
 - Revenues: decreased literature sales and increased investment revenue.
 - Expenses: there are an increase in maintenance projects, postage, and technological improvements. Overall WSO expenses decreased, even though there were the above mentioned increases.
 - Projecting \$197,860 surplus

2024	Revised Budget	Preliminary Budget	6/30/2024 Actual
Revenue	\$6,195,820	\$6,198,330	\$3,501,042
Expenses	\$5,997,965	\$6,078,780	\$3,012,633
Revenue over Expenses	\$197,860	\$119,550	\$488,409

World Service Conference Planning

- Four-Day Conference Week Trial will end after 2025. 2026 Conference will be five days.
- Triannual visit to Stepping Stones in New York will continue for additional six years after 2025.
- 2024 WSC Thought and Task Forces
 - The board agreed no further action was needed in relation to the 2024 Personal and Service Sponsorship Task Force or the 2024 Revitalizing Alateen Task Force.
 - The board communicated that more work is needed on Eliminating Regional Trustees Thought Force.

Strategic Planning

- Envisioned Future Work Group (EFWG) is charged with bringing forward-looking discussion on "How Do We Grow Future Leaders?"
- Developing an eBooks Global Strategy
- WSO will continue to investigate how to safely utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology, while protecting our fellowship from harm.
- October 26, 2024 Board Road Trip was held in Columbia, South Carolina. The meeting is not hybrid yet.

Committee Work

- Public Outreach Committee
 - Toolkit Work Group
 - Equitable and Unbiased Work Group
- Nominating Committee At-Large Executive Committee Member Role