

**2019 World Service Conference Theme  
 “Action Is Attraction – There Is No Growth in the Comfort Zone”**

**WSO’s Annual Report Is Now Trilingual!** Check out the *2019 World Service Conference Summary* (P46) available in English, Spanish and French.. To read the complete report of the 2019 Conference a printed copy of the 2019 World Service Conference Summary is available to order through the online Al-Anon store.

The electronic version of the [2019 World Service Conference Summary](#) is available on [al-anon.org](#) [click on "World Service Conference (WSC)" on the Members tab] both as an interactive copy or as a download! It's on [al-anon.org](#)-click on "World Service Conference (WSC)" on the Members tab.

**Index of Chosen Agenda Items--1976-2019** Did you know that all 59 editions of the *World Service Conference Summary* are posted and available for free on the website? That’s right—from the first Conference in 1961 to the latest Conference in 2019!

The annual World Service Conference is Al-Anon’s largest group conscience. When we talk things over and reason things out, we are able to keep the message of help and hope clear and consistent and share the program of help and hope with families and friends of alcoholics everywhere. Do you want to know how our group conscience has worked? How decisions have been made?

Check this out – An Index of Chosen Agenda Items 1976-2019 is posted to Al-Anon.org referencing the online copies of the World Service Conference Summaries. All of this is public knowledge for our members. I'd like to encourage members to read through the list and read the old summaries ... and see how long we have been discussing and listening and reasoning things out. Per WSO, Areas may include a link on their website to the Index on Al-Anon.org website.

**Blog:** WSO is pleased to introduce a **blog for members** to share their experience, strength, and hope on a variety of topics. This month we're asking you to share your favorite Al-Anon spiritual principle and why. New topics will be added each month! This feature is for all members. We announced it in In The Loop on July 24th. Here is the link:

<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/member-blog>

**Open or Closed:** The Al-Anon Meeting Type designation, which previously referred to whether the meeting was open to visitors or closed to attendance by members only, often confused members and newcomers. It has been replaced by the term **Meeting Attendees**, and the options have been changed to **“Families and Friends Only”** and **“Families, Friends, and Observers Welcome”** on the WSO [Group Records Forms](#).

**The Forum Book (working title)** Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to explore alternate methods for sharing *Forum* articles selected by members as favorites in a more financially responsible medium rather than publishing a book. This information was then presented to the Board of Trustees as motion:

“Not to proceed in the development of printed publication of a piece of Conference Approved Literature based on member sharings published in past issues of *The Forum* which was given conceptual approval at the 2015 World Service Conference (Motion #6) due to concern about its lack of appeal to members and therefore its financial feasibility.”

This motion passed unanimously with the understanding Staff would continue to explore alternatives for sharing these articles in a financially feasible manner. Staff will report to the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees at future meetings on their progress.

**Use of Drug Addiction in PO [Public Outreach] Materials** The WSO receives requests to review public outreach materials on an ongoing basis. Lately, many of the posters and flyers submitted are including the words “drug” and “drug addiction” in addition to “alcohol” and “alcoholism.” While the efforts are well-intentioned, members are urged to keep Al-Anon’s Twelve Traditions in mind when communicating with the public.

There is a copy of the letter from WSO Executive Director Vali F in the Delegate’s Report of \*/10, 2019 on this issue including references to our three legacies and CAL.

**WSO Volunteer Positions** There is a twice yearly solicitation for service volunteers at the WSO level. The number of positions available annually is as follows:

- 3 At-Large Trustees
- 3 Regional Trustees (rotates depending on Region)

- 1 At-Large member, Executive Committee for Real Property Management
- 5 At-Large members, Forum Editorial Advisory Committee
- 5 At-Large members, Literature Committee
- 5 At-Large members, Public Outreach Committee
- 2 At-Large members, Audit Committee

This year, we have additional openings to fill partial terms for the following positions:

- 2 At-Large Trustees – two-year term
- 1 Southeast Regional Trustee – two-year term
- 1 Canada Central Regional Trustee – one-year term

The North East Region Trustee resumes will be due 8/15/2021 and term begins April 2022. NY North will be looking for qualified candidates next year by Fall of 2020 in order to get resumes submitted for the next North East Regional Trustee.

Trustees At Large apply directly to WSO. Applications are available online or through your delegate.

**WSO Paid Positions** WSO is now accepting résumés for the position of “Group Services Specialist – Alateen (Spanish)’ This is a vital role within the Group Services Team at the World Service Office in Virginia Beach. This is a full time position and requires 5-7 years continuous Al-Anon membership with Alateen service experience at the District or Area level. I have a copy of the job description if you are interested. Please share this information with other Al-Anon members who may be interested.

### **NERT [North East Regional Trustee] AND NERD 2020**

The WSO Board of Trustees’ election of Marianne B. for a three year position as the Northeast Regional Trustee began April 2019. Our former NERT, Joan S, is still involved as a Trustee at Large. I will be meeting Marianne at our next NERD [North East Regional Delegates] meeting. It is scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2020 through Sunday, March 15, 2020. It will be at the same location as the last two years -HNA Palisades Premier Conference Center in Palisades, NY.

### **Delegates’ Equalized Expenses**

The Finance Committee and Board of Trustees reviewed the costs of the 2020 World Service Conference (WSC). After careful consideration, the Equalized

Expense amount for the 2020 WSC has been set at \$1,289 (US). The Full Amount for a Delegate to attend the 2020 WSC has been set at \$1,953 (US). Last year, 13 Areas gave amounts greater than the Full Amount; 42 Areas contributed the Full Amount; 3 Areas contributed amounts between the Equalized Expense and the Full Amount; and 9 Areas gave the Equalized Expense to send their Delegate to the Conference.

A copy of this letter will be posted to the AFG Connects community for Area Treasurers, with a request to forward payment to the World Service Office (WSO) as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2019. This date allows the WSO to reimburse travel expenses to the Delegates in a timely manner. For an explanation regarding Equalized Expenses, see "How the Conference Is Financed," including "General Conference Expenses" and "Delegates' Equalized Expenses" on pages 164-165 of the 2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual.

**2020 World Service Conference** The 60th Annual World Service Conference has been scheduled for Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24, 2020 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The Annual Open Board of Trustees Meetings will be held the afternoon of Friday, April 24th.

**Theme** has been announced,

**Dreaming Big with 20/20 Vision**  
**Rêver grand avec une vision 20|20**  
**Soñar en grande con visión 20|20**

**Questions from the COB (Chairman of the Board)** I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts on these two questions.

1. **How are your groups/Area dealing with a cashless society?**
2. **How will you, your groups, and your Area utilize the 2020 Conference theme?**

**Chosen Agenda Items** FYI - Now is the time to submit issues, topics, questions or ideas you may have and want to be discussed at the WSC next year. You can talk with me. Call me or email me.

### **Within NY North**

**Meeting aligned outside it's District and or Area Boundary:** I've been contacted by Jeffrey F, Panel 58 Delegate of the Pennsylvania Area. "... a meeting in the PA Area has requested changing to the NY North Area. The Attitude of Gratitude meeting located in Little Meadows, PA 18830 is requesting to be in NYN District 10 (Apalachin, NY). The Pennsylvania group records coordinator has been in contact with Valerie Stump and others at the WSO. It is

our understanding that the Assemblies for both Areas need to consent to the meeting being associated with a district outside its Area in order for it to be moved. I believe the group request is due to its location very near the New York border. I believe this group is currently participating in the NYN District. Pennsylvania will be presenting this at our Assembly on August 16th - 18th. If you think this is a possibility and are willing to present at your next Assembly, we will continue to move forward. Let me know what you think. “

I contacted Cerise from District 10 and she is aware and has the contact info for this group. At the AWSC meeting in August we asked District 10 to have a district conscience on accepting this meeting into their district and if approved place a motion on the Fall 2019 Assembly agenda to accept this meeting into our NY North Area and notify Pennsylvania AWSC and WSO of the outcome.

**Election Assembly 2020** It's coming! The next Fall Assembly is the NY North Area's election assembly. It is scheduled to be hosted by District 18 on Sept 25 – 27, 2020, at the Comfort Inn and Suites, North Syracuse. Are you ready for service on the Area level? Don't know? Check the NYN web site [nynafg.com](http://nynafg.com), look on the Area Information & Forms menu for the WSO & NYN Forms for the *AI-Anon Service Resume*. Fill it out. You may be surprised. Go under the NYN Policies and Guidelines Menu and *find NYN Area Officer/Coordinator Service Positions - Updated 11/2017*. What job is speaking to you? Look at who is holding that position now and ask them any questions you have.

I cannot fully relate the joy, the knowledge the relationships that are there for you.

Thank you for letting me serve NY North.

Peace,  
Molly C.  
Delegate Panel 58