

# Delegate AWSC Report - March 18, 2023

## January 2023 Chairperson of the Board Letter

### Finance Update

Contributions for 2022 exceeded the budgeted expectations. It was the highest contribution year in Al-Anon history. Literature sales fell just below the budgeted expectations and expenses were below the annual budget amount. 2022 ended with a smaller deficit than expected. The World Service Office (WSO) is grateful for the tremendous support of our members.

### 2023 Al-Anon International Convention

Al-Anon holds an international convention every five years. The 2023 convention will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 29 - July 2. This year, for the first time, you have the opportunity to attend the convention virtually. The cost is \$149 and covers all three big meetings, a slate of sessions (two on Friday and four on Saturday), and the Convention app. The Convention event app will allow members attending in-person and virtually around the world to connect. To register go to <https://multisoftevents.com/AlAnon23>.

### Road Trip

The 2023 You and Your Board Connect road trip will be held in California South on October 28th. Both California Areas have been patiently waiting to show off their beautiful state.

### Electronic Meetings

WSO will continue to explore the feasibility of Alateen Electronic groups. The issue at hand meeting different countries legal requirements concerning mandatory reporting of potential abuse. Most European countries' requirements are much stronger than those in the United States. Currently, the only electronic Alateen meetings available to teens outside of a few pilot International Al-Anon Service Organizations are through the Al-Anon app.

The forms to transfer electronic groups between the Global Electronic Area (GEA) and geographic areas were posted last Friday, March 10. There are two forms: One to transfer from the GEA to a geographical Area, and the other from a geographical Area to the GEA.

On Friday March 10, the NEW Global Electronic Meeting Search was released. You can find the new search on al-anon.org by clicking on Electronic Meetings, under Meetings. The first meeting listed will have either just started or be about to start. The time listed reflects your local time zone because the search picks up this information from your computer/mobile device. This means newcomers and members no longer need to calculate meeting start time based on the group's originating time zone. Anyone anywhere can join with the click of a mouse when it is most convenient for them. Also, there is a simple guide, which emphasizes that, in keeping with Al-Anon's Twelve Traditions, all groups agree to welcome newcomers and members at any meeting regardless of the Attendee listed. The search also includes a few definitions based on frequently asked questions.

## Regional Trustee

The US Northeast Region is still without a Trustee. There are twelve Areas within the US Northeast - Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland/DC, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York North, New York South, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Board of Trustees have the legal responsibility for the funds and services provided by Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. The Board guards the legal rights of the Al-Anon fellowship, protects Al-Anon principles from distortion and dilution, and is the chief service arm of the World Service Conference. As stated in Concept Seven, "The Trustees have legal rights while the rights of the Conference are traditional."

Qualifications are an active member of Al-Anon with service experience beyond the group level - such as District Representative, Area Officer or Coordinator, or an AIS Chair. You must have ten continuous years in Al-Anon or Alateen, be willing to relinquish all Al-Anon service positions beyond the group level, and possess an understanding of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. You can not have ever been a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and be eligible to become an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). Finally you must reside in New York North.

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To apply you must complete the Resume on the [Al-Anon.org website members, Board of Trustees, World Service](#) page. Then submit your paperwork to me, the Delegate, prior to the Spring Assembly, which will be held on May 20, 2023. If there are multiple applicants, the Assembly will vote on who is to be submitted. Resumes must be submitted by me on or before August 15, 2023. Each Area within the NE Region can only submit one applicant. The term begins immediately following the 2024 WSC. The whole process will begin again next year for the 2025-2028 term. A Trustee can serve two consecutive terms.

## Chosen Agenda Item (CAI)

Each year Areas have the opportunity to submit a topic for discussion during the upcoming World Service Conference. The topic must relate to Al-Anon as a whole. The Conference Leadership Team selects two topics to be discussed during the upcoming World Service Conference. Each CAI submission has a limit of 100 words. Name the CAI topic in 25 words or less. Provide the rationale, an explanation of why you think this CAI is important, in 75 words or less. Past topics are listed on the Al-Anon website Members > World Service Conference > [Chosen Agenda Items](#). Submissions are due on Friday, March 24, 2023. If there is a topic you wish to submit, please send me your submission by March 24th at 10 am.

## Area Task Force on Accepting Permanent Electronic Groups

The task force has not met since it was formed at the 2022 Fall Assembly. It is my plan to convene a meeting within the next few weeks. Many Areas have already developed policy and procedures surrounding this issue and are willing to share their knowledge with us. It is my plan to provide the Spring 2023 Assembly with a report.

## 2023 World Service Conference

The Conference will be held at the Founders Inn and Spa in Virginia Beach, Virginia from April 20 - 23. I fly in on April 19 and leave on the 24th. We will be visiting the World Service Office! This year Delegates are allowed to receive cards or notes, only. The address is:

*Kathi D NYN (Hold for WSC 4/20–4/23, 2023)*

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*The Founders Inn and Spa*  
*5641 Indian River Rd.*  
*Virginia Beach, VA 23464 USA*

My return address needs to be included and is available by emailing either me, your District Representative, or any of the Area's Officers or Coordinators.

## The Forum

Please consider writing about one of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, or Twelve Concepts of Service, as your World Service Office receives very few sharings about them. Submissions should range from about 200 to 400 words.

NOTE: Submissions in Spanish or French must be accompanied by an English translation. Submit online or send your articles to The Forum, 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617; or to [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org).

## AWSC Roster

Email District Representative (DR) changes to [delegate@nynafg.com](mailto:delegate@nynafg.com). Include full name, mailing address, email address, telephone number, and term start and end dates. An updated roster will be sent out by Friday, March 24, 2023.

## Delegate Chat

Delegate chats are held monthly on the first Sunday and Thursday at 1 and 7 pm respectively. This is a time to meet with me to discuss any Al-Anon concerns or just to chat with me.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathi D.