

# New York North AFG Officer or Committee Report

Summer AWSC 2024

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## Report:

**From the WSO** - The Trustees had a board meeting in July and the Chairperson gave a report to the Delegates on Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. Here are the highlights:

Last year (2023) saw an excess in the reserve fund. The Strategic Leadership Team recommended, and the Board approved four smaller expense items for immediate action, including purchasing a new mail-scanning system. Other ideas are being considered and the Strategic Leadership Team will present the ideas at the October Board Meeting.

The Board approved a revised budget for 2024. Literature sales were below budget, but overall WSO expenses decreased and the Revised 2024 Budget is projecting a \$197, 860 surplus.

The Finance Committee presented to the Board of Trustees a recommendation for the Equalized Expense and the Full Cost for Delegates to attend the 2025 WSC in NY. These amounts include the cost for Delegates to visit Stepping Stones on the day following the WSC. The numbers are:

Equalized Expense: \$2,532.00

Full Cost: \$3,617.71

(NYN voted to pay the Full Cost amount. Our 2024 Budget needs to be adjusted to reflect this amount. Our current budget for "Delegate Equalized/Direct Cost" is \$2700. We need to increase that amount to \$3,618. The cost is higher due to the higher hotel, food, and travel costs in the New York area versus Virginia Beach.)

The Board voted to end the four-day WSC week trial and to return to hosting the WSC across five days beginning with the 2026 WSC.

The Board approved holding the WSC in the New York area for a six-year trial starting after 2025 to allow for the Conference members to attend Stepping Stones once during their panel.

The Conference Leadership Team is responsible for preparing the World Service Conference (WSC) agenda that facilitates the active voice and effective group conscience of our fellowship. The 2025 WSC will be held Thursday, April 24 – Sunday, April 27, 2025 at the Marriott Harford/Windsor Airport Hotel, 28 Day Hill Rd, Windsor, CT 06095. The Stepping Stones visit will occur Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Board selected one Delegate from each panel to serve on the Task Force for Agenda Development.

The WSO Staff and Volunteers were asked not to use any AI tools unless licensed by AFG, Inc., which includes transcription features for web conference meetings. This approach is designed to protect identifiable information and the confidential nature of Board and other Committee discussions. As it was described, when we use free AI,

“we are the product!” WSO Staff will continue its investigation into how to safely utilize the technology to improve efficiency at the WSO while protecting our fellowship from harm.

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect will be Oct 26, 2024 in Columbia, South Carolina from 8am to 5pm. This is an opportunity to meet the WSO Volunteers who have oversight of AFG, Inc., understand the committees on which they serve and how the WSC Structure works, and learn how they are just members, too. There will be personal shares, panels, interactive sessions, lunch, and snacks, all for the low registration fee of \$30 US! Attendees will be responsible for travel to and from the event and any hotel rooms reserved. Come join us for a day full of fun, food, and fellowship! Registration will open in September.

**The Public Outreach Committee** - Are you familiar with the Public Outreach Toolkit? Here’s a link to the Toolkit - [Public Outreach Toolkit - Al-Anon Family Groups](#) , it is very helpful for members who are wondering what material to bring to public outreach events.

**Policy Committee** – As a result of the 2024 WSC’s approval of the “Choosing a Group’s Name” Policy, the WSO was directed by the Policy Committee to:

Register new groups and update existing group names only when their name does not contain community-identifying designations.

Guide groups seeking to encourage community-Specific participation to use the “Participants’ designation.

The Committee directed Staff to communicate widely through the links of service so that existing groups with names containing such designations would be encouraged to practice ‘obedience to the unenforceable” by aligning their group name with the new Policy. ***Let’s talk about what this means.***

**At the Area level** I continue to serve on the 2025 Area Convention /Assembly Committee. I am working with Ellen on a program to provide workshops and panels to support you in your service roles. Your feedback on the types of events you would find useful and beneficial will be greatly appreciated. Please complete the survey provided and/or email either Ellen or I with your ideas.

I am also serving on the Task Force for E-meetings and look forward to a discussion and vote on that at the Fall Assembly.

I am also participating in the GR/DR Information Meetings and the Thought Force for consideration of a Technology Coordinator. I look forward to meeting with the Finance and Web Committees in the near future.

I continue to watch the District Fellowship announcements so that I can try to attend them. Please consider inviting me to these events. I will make every effort to attend and participate.

Yours in grateful service,  
Carol