

# News from WSO

AFG Inc is provisioned by Al-Anon members through the purchasing of literature and through voluntary contributions.

Literature sales are lower than expected for the first ½ of the year.

**Please communicate this to the groups so they can consider making up the difference with contributions. Remind GRs the importance of the Quarterly Appeals.**



# The cost for the Delegate to attend the 2026 World Service Conference

Full Cost: \$3,119.00

Equalized Expense: \$2,183.00 (70%)

# Discussion Items

Meeting List Publishing Policy

Choosing a Group Name Policy

Single Process Trustee Application

# Meeting List Publishing Policy

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## **Meeting List Publishing**

In its role as the clearinghouse, the World Service Office supports service arms to encourage unity and common understanding.

In Tradition Nine, we learn of the ability and responsibility of groups and service arms to create committees and perform services to meet the needs of the fellowship. The decision to implement and support any service arm is within the autonomy of the groups being served, except in matters affecting another group, or Al-Anon, or A.A. as a whole.

In keeping with the Traditions and Warranties Four and Five of Concept Twelve (see “Concept Twelve” in “Al-Anon’s Twelve Concepts of Service”), an Area may request that the WSO not publish

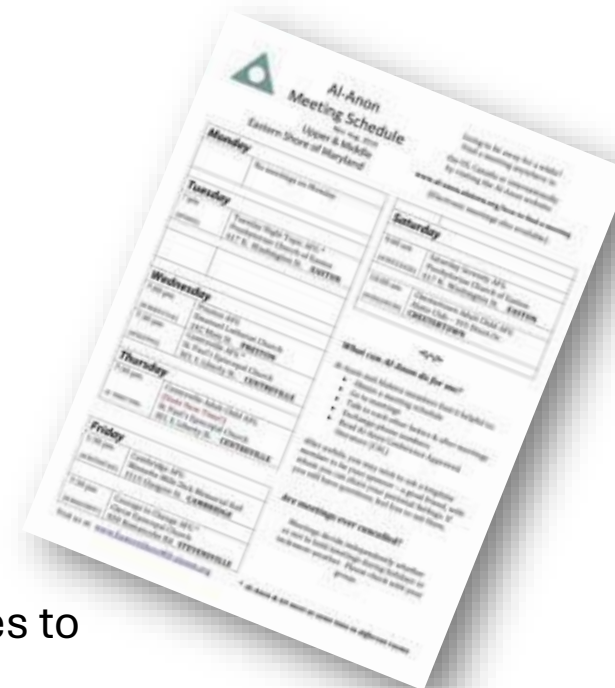
information about a meeting if the Area has a Meeting List Publishing Policy in place that the WSO has reviewed and agrees to support.

# Area Discussion

NY North does not currently have a Meeting List Publishing Policy

To be clear... the WSO does not approve or disapprove Area policies. It agrees to support policies if they are aligned with the Traditions.

A consideration for discussion for the Fall Assembly - When does a group's practices effect other groups and/or Al-Anon as a whole? How can we foster better understanding with such groups and encourage them to practice the principles embodied in The Legacies? Do we want to create an Area Meeting List Publishing Policy?



# Choosing a Group Name Policy

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The WSO registers new groups

The WSO was seeing an increase in the number of groups that were registering names that the WSO needed to have reviewed by committee. The WSO asked the Policy committee for guidance with the policy “Choosing a Group Name”. There was a Thought Force and then a Task Force and the Policy Committee recommended a change in the wording of the policy.

The 2024 WSC passed the recommended changes to the wording of the “Choosing a Group Name” policy. The wording referenced more specifically the principles of the program.



# The Implementation

*The WSO staff have the responsibility and authority to implement the decisions of the World Service Conference.*

- WSO will register new groups and update existing group names only when their name does not contain community-identifying designations.
- Guide groups who currently have names containing community-identifying designations to consider removing the designations from their names and using the “participants/attendees” field for community identification. Practice “obedience to the unenforceable”.

# Community Identifying Designations

Women

Men

Parents

Adult  
Children

Young  
Adults

LGTBQ

People of  
Color

# The Appeal

The Board of Trustees brought to the 2025 World Service Conference 190 Letters of Appeal to be considered.

The Conference spent several hours in extended sessions considering and discussing the issue.

# The 2025 WSC Motion

## **Motion #7**

Allow group names to continue to include identifiers such as those currently listed on page 28 of the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P24/27) v4(a) including “men, women, parents, adult children, young adults, other gender identification/sexual orientation, etc. with the understanding that in keeping with Traditions Three and Five, the groups will welcome anyone affected by someone else’s drinking until the 2026 World Service Conference to allow WSC Structure Areas to discuss the implementation of the 2024 WSC-approved “Choosing a Group’s Name” Policy.

# Next Steps

The goal of the motion is to provide Conference members the opportunity to bring the discussion to their respective Areas to explore concerns, thoughts and opinions on the Policy and its implementation through spiritual conversations with the groups.

*As the Policy Committee Chairperson, I want to reinforce that it was never the Policy Committee's intention to one day direct the WSO Staff to enforce this Policy on existing groups – EVER!*

# Area Discussion

If this is a concern, especially for those groups who have one of the identifiers in their name, groups are encouraged to have a group conscience discussion to allow members to have a voice in this matter. GRs can then share their group's perspective at the Fall Assembly.

Please consider including the principles of Tradition Three and Five in your conversation.

**Let your voice be heard.**



Concept Four – Participation is the key to harmony

# Feedback from DRs

Is this a concern for groups in your district?

Have they expressed a concern?

Has there been any communication with the groups listed on the previous slide (redacted for posting) that have community identifiers in their names?

What can I do to support these groups in their conversations? What do they need from the Delegate or the Area?

# Single Process Trustee Application



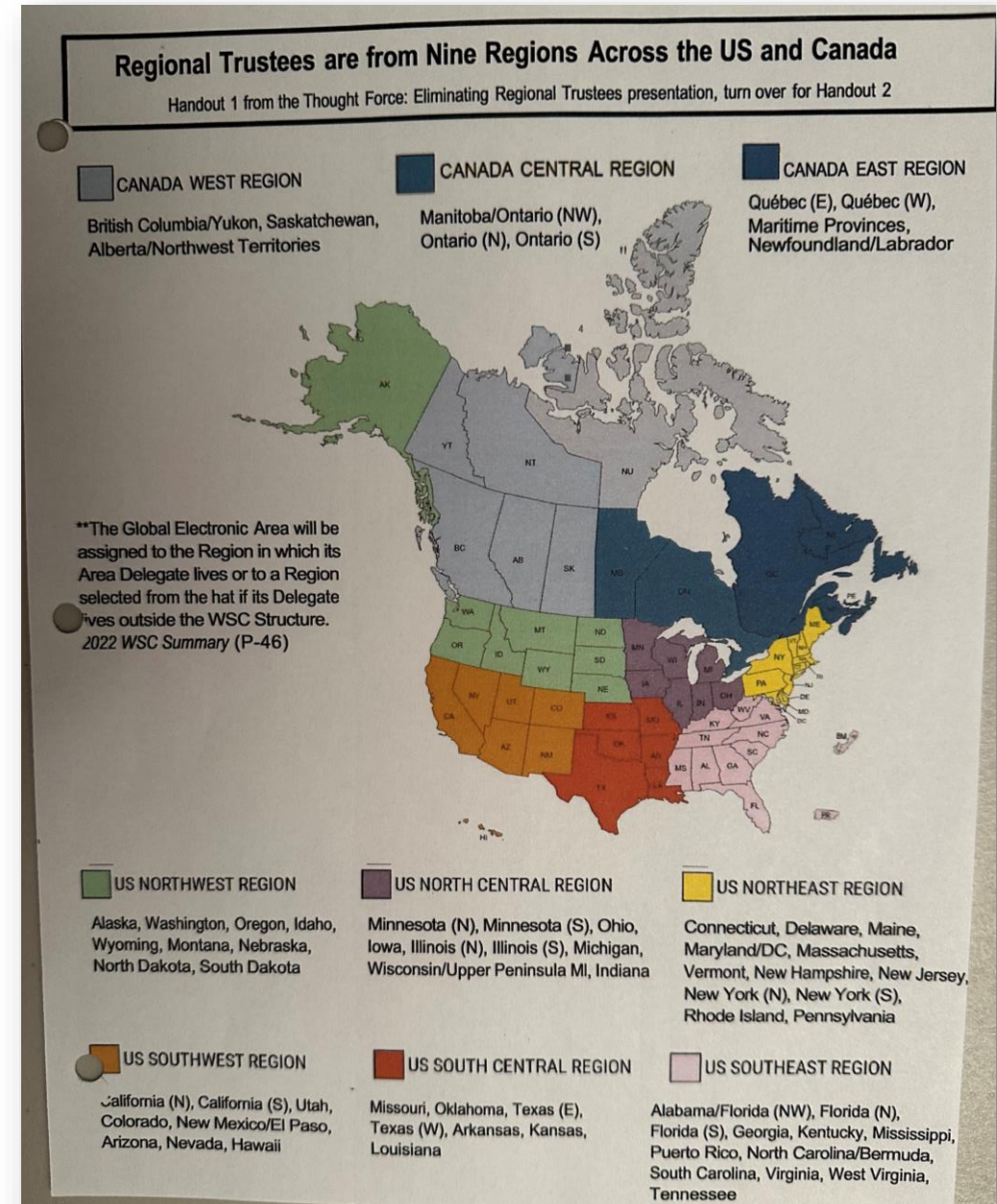
# Trustees



9 TAL – Trustees at Large

9 RT – Regional Trustees

Goal - To ensure that the Board of Trustees has diverse perspectives from across the World Service Conference Structure - East, West, Central, North, South, Canadian, Cities and Rural Communities.



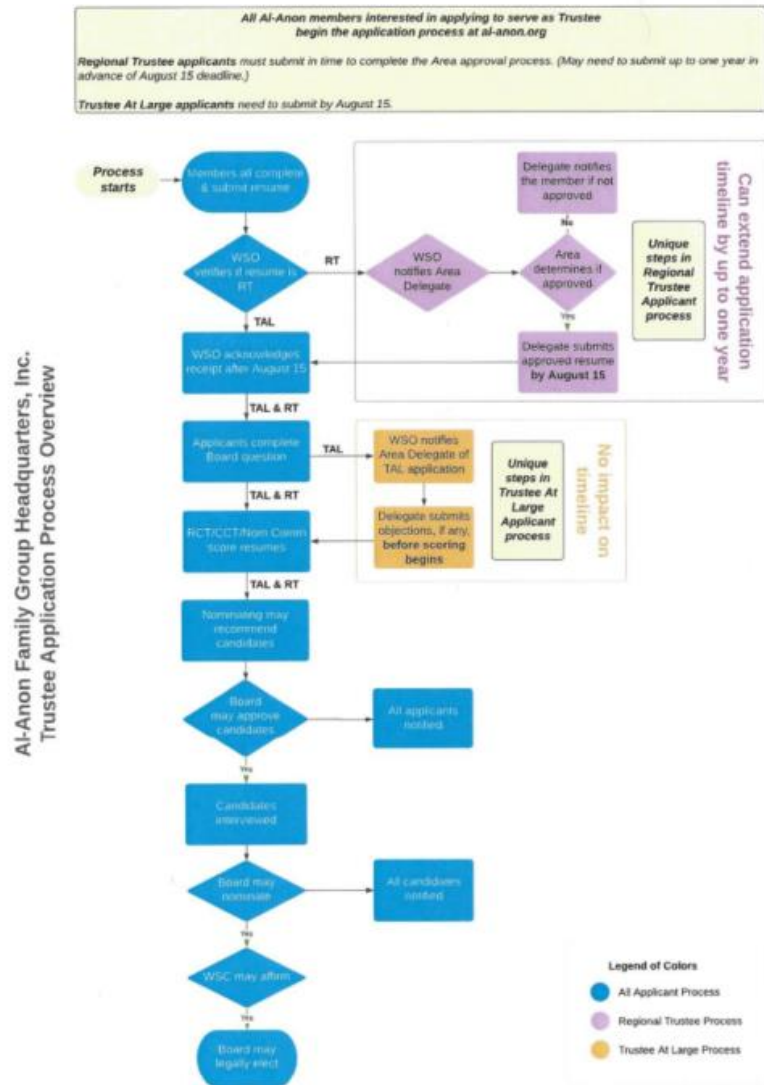
# How are the roles different?

**They are NOT  
different!  
They are the same.**



**Only the application  
process is different.**

# The Application Process



Applications are submitted to WSO (online process)

Regional Trustee applications are sent to the Area Delegate to be approved by the Area

Areas can submit one Regional Trustee application

Regional Trustee applications must be submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup>

The extra steps of being approved by the Areas add time and stress into the process for Regional Trustee Applicants over the Trustee at Large Applicants

Many Areas do not have a process in place to approve Regional Trustee Applications

# The Problem

The Board of Trustees has 5 out of 18 positions that are vacant

Board operating at 72% capacity

Leadership needed for technology expansion, increasing legal threats, evolving cultural awareness and cybersecurity concerns

More demands falling on fewer people.

Qualified & willing members



# Proposed Solutions

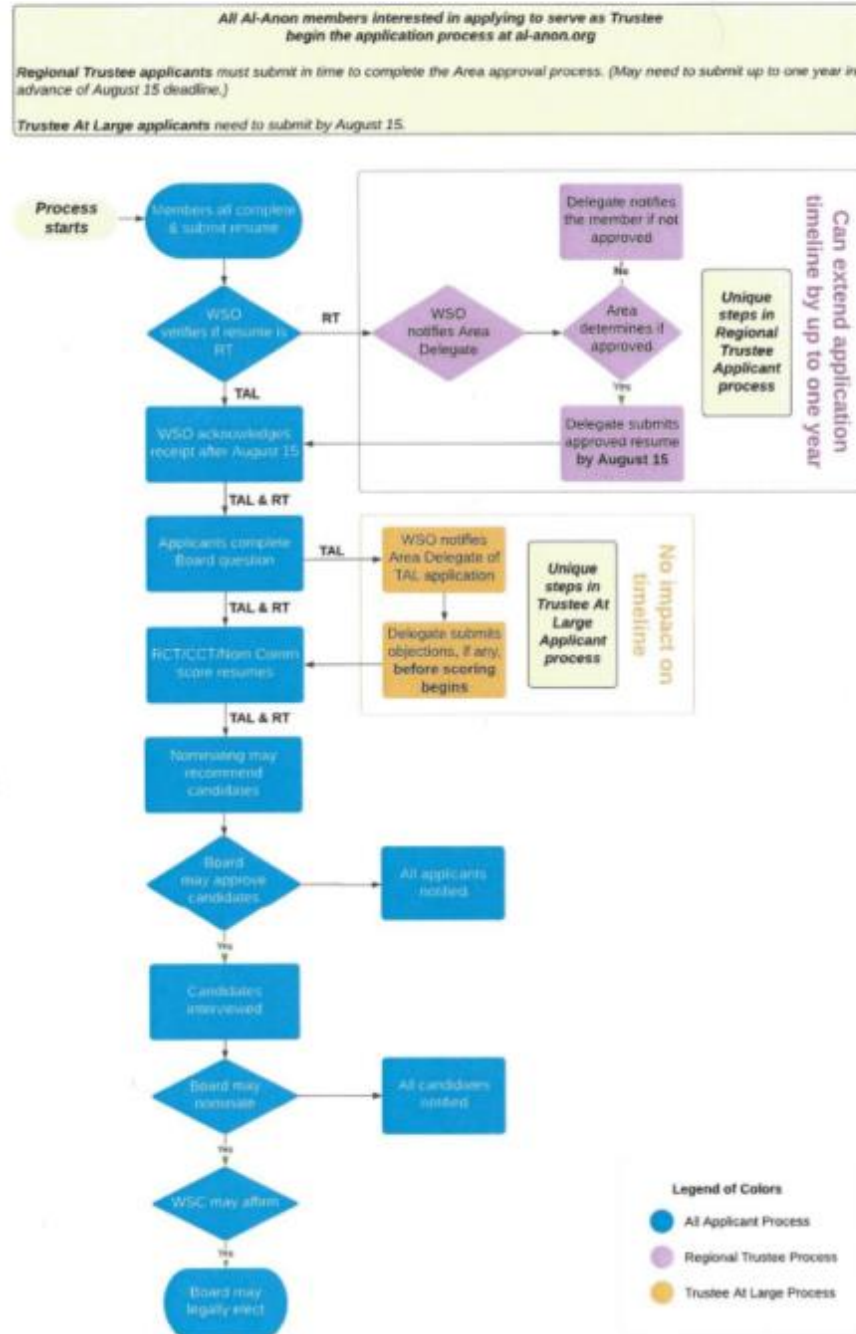
A Task Force was formed charged with defining a single process for selecting Trustees modeled on the current Trustee at Large process that could be considered by and discussed with Conference members at the 2025 WSC.

Three different options were presented for consideration.

More time to consider the options - 2026 WSC



# Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. Trustee Application Process Overview



# Area Discussion

I want your perspective on how changing the Regional Trustee application process might affect Area Autonomy and how important is it?

I will offer a virtual session to explain the application process and the proposed options in preparation for a discussion at the Fall Assembly

