

New York North Delegate Report

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Report: Winter AWSC

From the WSO

The Board of Trustees (BOT) meets quarterly every year in January, April (after the WSC), July and October. After they meet the Chairperson of the Board (COB) writes a letter which includes Updates from the Policy Committee, the Conference Leadership Team (CLT) and the Treasurer. Delegates attend an on-line presentation of the COB Letter and Updates and have an opportunity to ask questions and get clarification from the Trustees. I attended the most recent presentation of the COB Letter was held on Feb 15th. Here is a link to The January 2025 COB Letter and Updates

[January-2025-Chairperson-of-the-Board-Letter.pdf](#) You can find at www.al-anon.org (toggle over **Members** then **Board of Trustees** and scroll down the page and click on the documents to open them. I will include an overview at the end of my report.

Service opportunities at the World Service Office (WSO) The World Service Office functions like all of our other service structures; through the service of our members. Each year we need members to apply to serve as Trustees, Executive Committee At-Large Members, Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM) At-Large Members and At-Large Committee Members. Position descriptions and qualifications for these positions can be found through this link [World Service Office \(WSO\) Volunteers - Al-Anon Family Groups](#) and on the WSO website www.al-anon.org (toggle over Members, then click on World Service Office (WSO) Volunteers and click on the various positions for more information.

Trustee At Large applications are due by August 15th. If you have any questions about the process, please contact me.

From the Area

Regional Trustee Application Process: There are two different classifications of Trustees, one is Trustee at Large and the other is Regional Trustee. Both positions are three year terms. Once through the application and affirmation process, there is no differentiation between the roles. Applicants for Trustees at Large submit their applications directly to the WSO by Aug 15th annually. All Regional Trustee applicants must go through their respective Areas to apply. The Areas within each Region are invited to submit one Area approved applicant for Regional Trustee when the Regional Trustee position for their region becomes vacant. NYN is part of the Northeast Region. The Northeast Regional Trustee term becomes available this year and applications were due to the WSO by Aug 15th. There were no applicants from the Northeast Region so the position will go unfilled this year. Next year the WSO will consider applications to fill the remaining 2 years of the 3 year term. Anyone wishing to apply needs to have their application approved by NYN at the Spring Assembly. NYN currently does not have a process in place to consider and approve applications for Regional Trustee. I would like to propose that we put together a Task Force, including a few Past Delegates to recommend an Area approval process for Northeast Regional Trustee Applications to include Area Application Deadlines.

Welcoming New Groups: How can we be more welcoming to new groups in our Area? WSO sends a Welcome Email to the CMAs of new groups. Should we form an Area Welcome Committee to make phone calls to the CMAs and GRs of new groups to welcome them and inform them of Area events and contact information?

NERD: I attended the Northeast Regional Delegates (NERD) Meeting in Connecticut March 14th – 16th. This was my second NERD meeting. The purpose of NERD is to help prepare Delegates for the World Service Conference (WSC) and to hear the experience, strength and hope from past delegates and trustees.

WSC: The World Service Conference will be April 24th – 27th with a visit to Stepping Stones on April 28th. I am looking forward to it and have been getting lots of documents to review in preparation. My three-inch binder is starting to fill up. I will be devoting the next few weeks to getting ready. I am mentoring a new Panel 65 Delegate from Washington State. We've met several times online and we will meet in person the day before the conference starts. It's the fun part of the position. Last year I served on the Conference Committee on Trustees (CCT) and this year I will be serving on the World Service Conference Charter

Presentation Task Force. I've read the Charter a few times in preparation. I loved getting your cards of encouragement last year and if you want to send one this year, Wendy posted the address in the newsletter.

Spring Assembly and Convention: Come get **F'd Up** with me at the Spring Assembly and Convention! That's right, **F'd** as in **F**un, **F**ood, **F**ellowship with **F**riends and **F**amily and some **F**ancy **F**ootwork (dancing). I'll see you there!!

In grateful service,

Carol C.

COB Letter & Updates Overview

[January-2025-Chairperson-of-the-Board-Letter.pdf](#)

Chairperson of the Board Letter:

Each year in January the Board nominates candidates to fill positions that are vacated or vacant. Nominees will be affirmed at the WSC in April for 3 Trustee at Large positions, 1 Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM) position, 3 Executive Committee positions, the Board Officers, the Executive Committee Chairperson and the ECRPM Chairperson. There are currently 5 Regional Trustee positions vacant. No resumes were submitted for consideration. This means that the Board will have 5 unfilled Trustee positions for 2025 through April 2026.

The Board had a discussion about the definition of the phrase "beyond the group level" as it pertains to service experience for applicants for WSO volunteer positions. It reached a consensus to ask the Nominating Committee to define the service requirements necessary for each position so that the term "beyond the group level" can be replaced by specifics in the requirements section of each of its applications.

The position requirements for WSO positions states that applicants "cannot have ever been" a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. The "Service Participation by Al-Anon Members Who Are Also Members of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.)" Policy says that the requirement is that applicants "are not" members of A.A. At the October 2024 Board Meeting, the Policy Committee recommended the

Board revisit the wording on the applications and position descriptions to reflect the wording in the policy that applicants “are not” members of A.A. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to honoring the Policy Committee group conscience by deciding to revise its requirement related to A.A. membership on its applications to read “Cannot be an Al-Anon member who is a member of A.A”.

The Board announced that the 2025 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event will be October 25, 2025 in Omaha, Nebraska.

The A.A. International Convention with Al-Anon Participation will take place July 4-6 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The Area Welcome Committee is in place and actively seeking members registered to attend who are interested in helping onsite. More news will be shared in the coming months.

The Envisioned Future Work Group (EFWG) brought forward the topic “fellowship and what it looks like” after noting the observation some members shared during the October 2024 discussion that fellowship in the program, including informal gatherings before or after meetings, seems to be missing or at least not as prominent as it once was. Concerns were expressed at that meeting that a lack of fellowship could be a detriment to the longevity of our program. EFWG shared a definition for fellowship as the ability to foster a sense of community, provide support and encouragement through shared experiences, promote personal growth by learning from others, and offer a space to connect with like-minded individuals contributing to a feeling of belonging and well-being, whether in a religious, professional, or social context. Thoughtful questions led to a generative discussion regarding what the fellowship will look like in the future. What are the barriers? What are the opportunities? How can this crucial connection and community between members be maintained and flourish in the digital age?

After a thorough evaluation, the Board motioned to approve the following Strategies and projects, which included multi-year projects carried over from 2024, to form the 2025 WSO Projects Landscape: WSO Core Systems Overhaul, Electronic Alateen Validation & Implementation Planning, eBook Globally – WSC & International Structures, WSO Risk Mitigation Strategy (protection from cybersecurity risks), 2026-2029 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27), 2025 A.A. International Convention with Al-Anon Participation, CAL Globally, Refresh Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism Magazine, 2028 Al-Anon International Convention with AA. Participation, Passing it On (Initial Planning), AFG Inc. Branding Guideline for Trusted Servants, Outreach to Professionals – Young People.

The Public Outreach Committee currently has two work groups, which complete regular reviews of social media statements and submissions for the Public Outreach Toolkit. Additionally, the committee has several task forces evaluating new materials needed for public outreach.

The Board continues to evaluate itself using its Board evaluation survey tool to improve its service to the organization and the fellowship.

Policy Committee Update:

Choosing a Group's Name: The Policy Committee agreed that further conversation with the World Service Conference was required before any action is taken toward applying the new Policy to existing groups. The WSO and Policy Committee has received multiple member appeals to the new Policy. In the continuing spirit of Concept Five, the Policy Committee concluded that the appeals needed to be brought to the 2025 WSC as it was the decision-making authority which approved the Policy in 2024.

Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update:

2025 Conference Theme –

Investing in Each Other to Preserve Our Legacy

WSC Agenda Topics: Changes to the Local Services Policy, a discussion on how to implement the Choosing a Group's Name Policy, a Board of Trustees Strategic Topic Conversation on "Growing Our Future Leaders," and recommendations from the Delegate Participation on CLT for Agenda Development Task Force.

Finance Update: Revenues were slightly higher than budgeted and Expenses were slightly less than budgeted which resulted in an operation surplus of \$461,644. Members continue to respond to our message about consistent donations with our year-to-date contributions budget above budgeted expectations by 14%. Our message to the fellowship has been and continues to be one of gratitude and consistency. The WSO's role of providing services to the fellowship can only be carried out with consistent contributions, the purchase of CAL, and subscriptions to our Mobile App Premium Content and our magazines (The Forum).