# Contributions to World Service Office

# ASSEMBLY
# September 26, 2020

▶ **"Money is your messenger in places where you cannot be."**

▶ **Vi F., 1962**
**WSO Treasurer**

# Southern California World Service History

- **Southern California World Service (SCWS) has contributed to the World Service Office (WSO) since 1971.**

- **Contributions have been based on our budget surplus and our Ample Reserve.**

- **Contributions have been made annually or semiannually depending on Area expenses/surplus.**

# WSO Headquarters Virginia Beach, VA

# World Service Office
## (WSO)

Provides:

- ▶ **Group Services**
- ▶ **Public Outreach/Professionals**
- ▶ **Literature**
- ▶ **Conferences**
- ▶ **International & Other Program Services**
- ▶ **Operations & Administrative Services**
- ▶ **Digital Strategy**
- ▶ **Finance & Customer Service**

# WARRANTY ONE

**"Sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, should be its prudent financial principle."**

▶ **Group contributions pay a portion of World Service Office expenses; balance is financed by sale of literature. *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (p.213)**

# 2020 World Service Conference (WSC) :

▶ **Group Contributions to WSO = 40%**

▶ **Literature Sales of the WSO = 54%**

▶ **These two sources do not support WSO's work.**

▶ **1954 was last time contributions were more than literature sales!**

▶ **The WSO usually needs to tap into their Reserve Fund to transfer to General Fund, up to 4%.**

▶ **Current projected deficit for 2020 = $420,000!**

# SCWS Area Responsibilities

- ▶ **Communicates with & supports 1250 groups**

- ▶ **Area Assembly & Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings**

- ▶ **Helps districts & groups resolve issues**

- ▶ **Website & Virtual Meeting platform**

- ▶ **Provides resources for education, communication & Public Outreach**

# SCWS Area cont…

▶ **Provides workshops**

▶ **Oversees Alateen: Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS), legal requirements, recertification**

▶ **Bulletin production**

▶ **Delegate's equalized expense to attend World Service Conference**

▶ **Hospitality for AWSC & Assembly**

# SCWS Area cont...

- Travel expenses for Delegate & members of the SCWS Board

- Insurance expenses

- Office supplies/postage/printing

- Storage facility rental

- Professional tax preparation

- Contributions to WSO

# Service Manual

▶ *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* provides direction regarding contributions to WSO.

• P. 105: <u>Al-Anon Service Arms</u>

"Districts, Al-Anon Information Services (Intergroups), Literature Distribution Centers, Areas, General Service Offices and other Al-Anon/Alateen service entities may also contribute in a spirit of unity directly to the WSO without limit."

• P. 160: A typical Area budget might include…An Area contribution to the WSO.

# Service Manual

▶ *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* provides direction regarding Financial Matters.

- P. 102: "<u>Spiritual Principles of Al-Anon's Self Support</u>

Abundance—We learn to change our thinking from what we don't have to an awareness of gratitude for what we do have. As that idea expands, we continue to give our our time and money, realizing we can never give back all we have been given.  Thinking abundantly allows us to accomplish our primary purpose of reaching out to families and friends of alcoholics."

# Could an Area contribute to an Al-Anon Information Service (AIS)?

▶ *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, p. 67 "The Information Service is supported by the groups it serves within its geographical boundaries; it should not seek or accept support outside that area."

▶ Contributions to SCWS (Area) are from groups from various AISs

▶ If an Area contributed to an individual AIS, the Area would be sending contributions from groups outside the AIS geographical boundaries

# How does SCWS determine it's ample reserve?

▶ *RESERVE FUND GUIDELINE* (G41)states:

▶ Area Reserve Fund suggested guide:

　▶ Six months to one year's operating expenses

　▶ Reserve fund increased each year until goal is achieved

　▶ Excess funds from "reserve" may be used to fund special projects

　▶ Official approval is needed (Area Assembly)

► **"If you have received help, and you no doubt have, why not give to further the cause for peace and serenity of future members?"**

► *Anne B.,*

*Co-founder of Al-Anon, 1958*