



# Al-Anon Family Groups

Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

2022 World Service Conference (WSC)

SCWS Delegate's Report

May 21, 2022

# 62nd Annual World Service Conference 2022

- ▶ Enhancing our recovery through abundance, unity and understanding.
- ▶ The first World Service Conference took place in 1961.
- ▶ The 2022 WSC took place for 6 days, April 25-30, 2022 in Tarrytown, New York.

# Electronic Meetings Become Al-Anon Family Groups

- ▶ In Motion 1, the 2022 WSC voted 84 yes-2 no:
- ▶ "To admit the Non-Panel Global Electronic Area to the World Service Conference (WSC) Structure, whereby the Area's elected Delegate will serve as a voting member of the 2022 WSC as a member of Panel 62."
- ▶ The WSC warmly welcomed Ozzie Amador (from Florida) as the first Delegate for the GEA.
- ▶ The GEA is the first Area to be admitted to the WSC since the state of Alaska in 1987!

# Two kinds of Al-Anon Family Groups:

- ▶ 1. Physical Groups
- ▶ A Physical Group belongs to a geographic area such as Southern California World Service and is affiliated with a physical location. When members seek meetings, a physical group will always be listed with a physical location.
- ▶ Physical Groups may allow an electronic “window’ into their physical meeting. This permits what we are currently calling “hybrid” meetings. Some members might join the physical meeting electronically, but they are joining with members who are meeting in person at a physical location.

# Electronic Groups

- ▶ 2. Electronic Groups
- ▶ Electronic Groups are not attached to a physical location. They do not have an in-person component.
- ▶ Electronic Groups may want to attract a global audience. Or they may prefer to belong to a particular geographic area and not recruit a global audience. Ideally Electronic Groups will welcome whatever Al-Anon member finds and joins their Electronic Group.

# Geographic Area Work

- ▶ The Board of Trustees and the World Service Office stated at the 2022 WSC:
- ▶ We hope that all Geographic Areas will welcome all Al-Anon Groups—Physical and Electronic—into their Areas. Each Area has autonomy in what they decide.
- ▶ If an Area chooses not to admit Electronic Groups into their Area, any Electronic Group in the Area would have to register with the Global Electronic Area.

# Geographic Area Work (continued)

- ▶ If a geographic Area develops procedures for admitting Electronic Groups into their Area, they then notify WSO of their decision. WSO does not have to approve the procedures.
- ▶ Once an Area approves admitting Electronic Groups, these groups can apply directly to the geographic Area. They do not need to join the Global Electronic Area first. An Electronic Group in the GEA could petition to join a geographic Area that has a policy to admit them. They need permission from both Areas, but not from WSO.

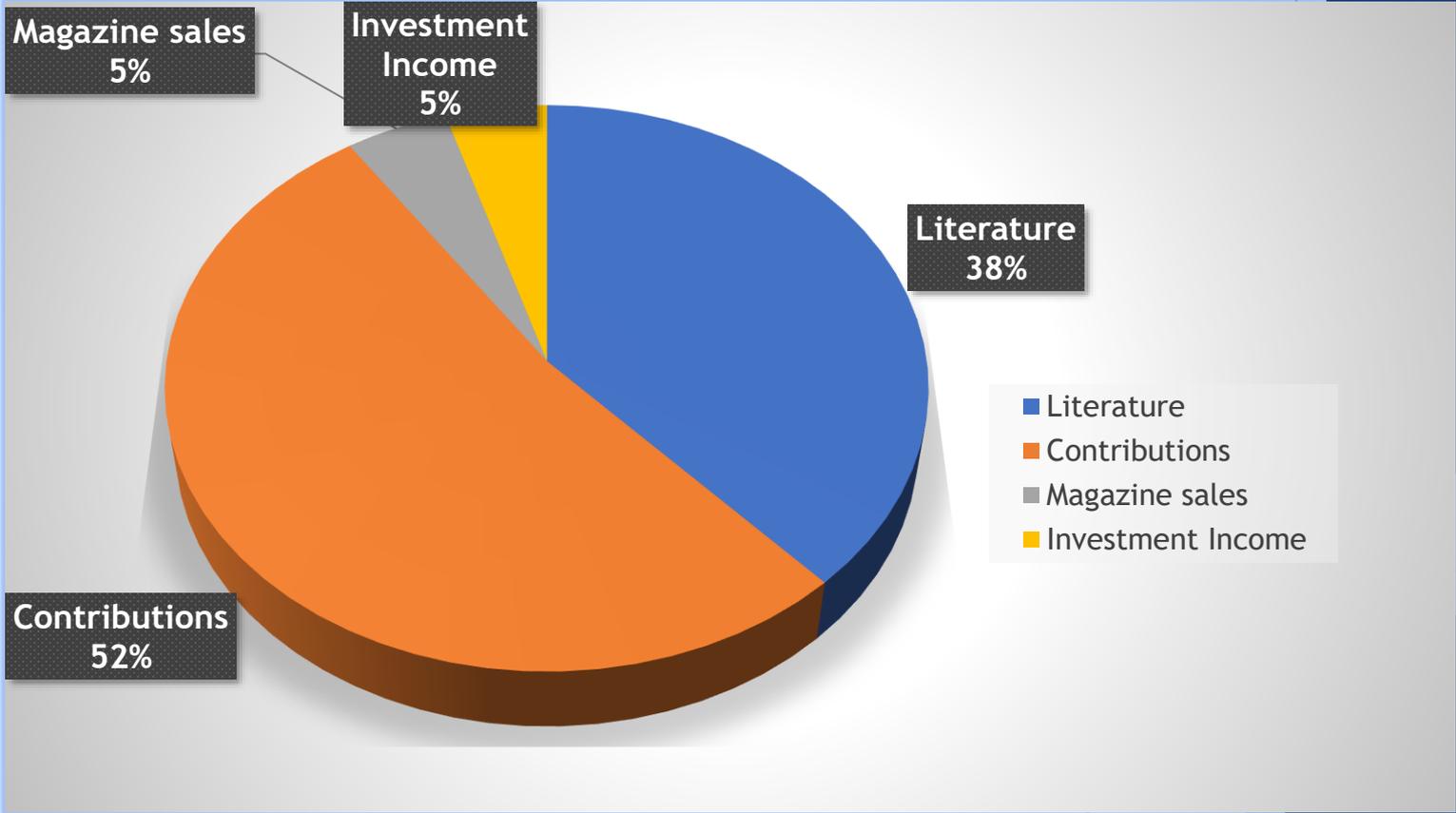
# Geographic Area Work (last slide on this subject!)

- ▶ Eventually Area Group Records Coordinators will be able to manage both Electronic and Physical Group records. For now, WSO is still involved in managing Electronic Group records.
- ▶ Alateen Electronic meetings are not included in the information shared here. But the Board of Trustees and WSO are working with the WSC to create standards for safe Alateen Electronic meetings.
- ▶ Later today the SCWS Electronic Groups Thought Force will report on our efforts so far to look into the possibility of SCWS's admitting Electronic groups into our Area.

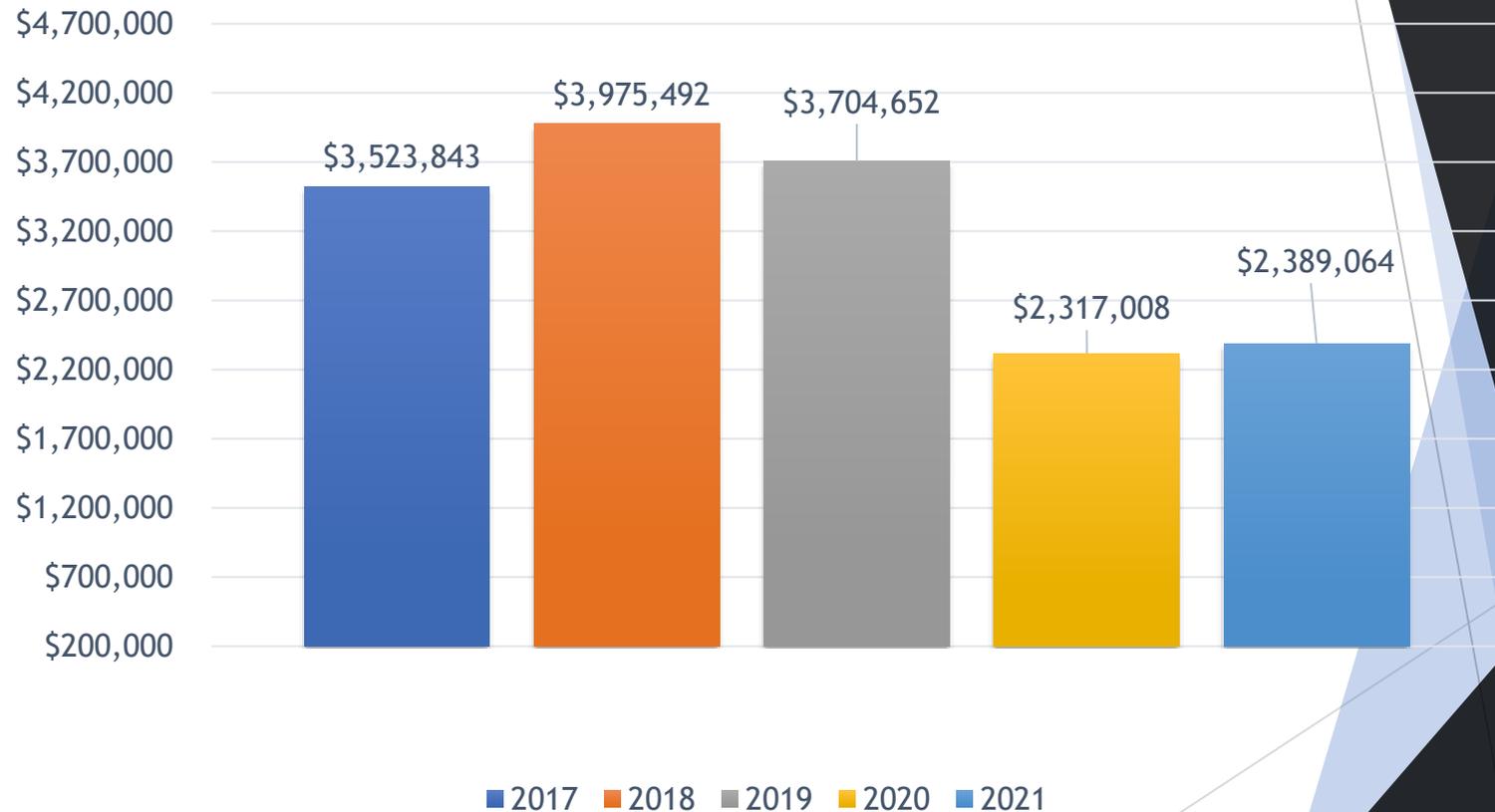
# Statement of Activities (page 4)

Revenue	2021	2020	\$ Change	% Change
Gross profit from literature sales	\$ 1,906,751	\$ 1,846,493	60,258	3%
Contributions	2,623,242	3,295,721	(672,479)	-20%
Magazine sales	238,040	291,963	(53,923)	-18%
Subscription income	33,328	4,662	28,666	615%
Noncash contributions	136,555	88,805	47,750	54%
Investment income	2,062,376	364,585	1,697,791	466%
	<u>\$ 7,000,292</u>	<u>\$ 5,892,229</u>	<u>1,108,063</u>	<u>19%</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Program Services	\$ 2,752,049	\$ 2,649,544	102,505	4%
Literature distribution services	922,257	865,903	56,354	7%
General administrative services	1,540,509	1,405,253	135,256	10%
	<u>\$ 5,214,815</u>	<u>\$ 4,920,700</u>	<u>294,115</u>	<u>6%</u>
Change in net assets	\$ 1,785,477	\$ 971,529	2,757,006	284%

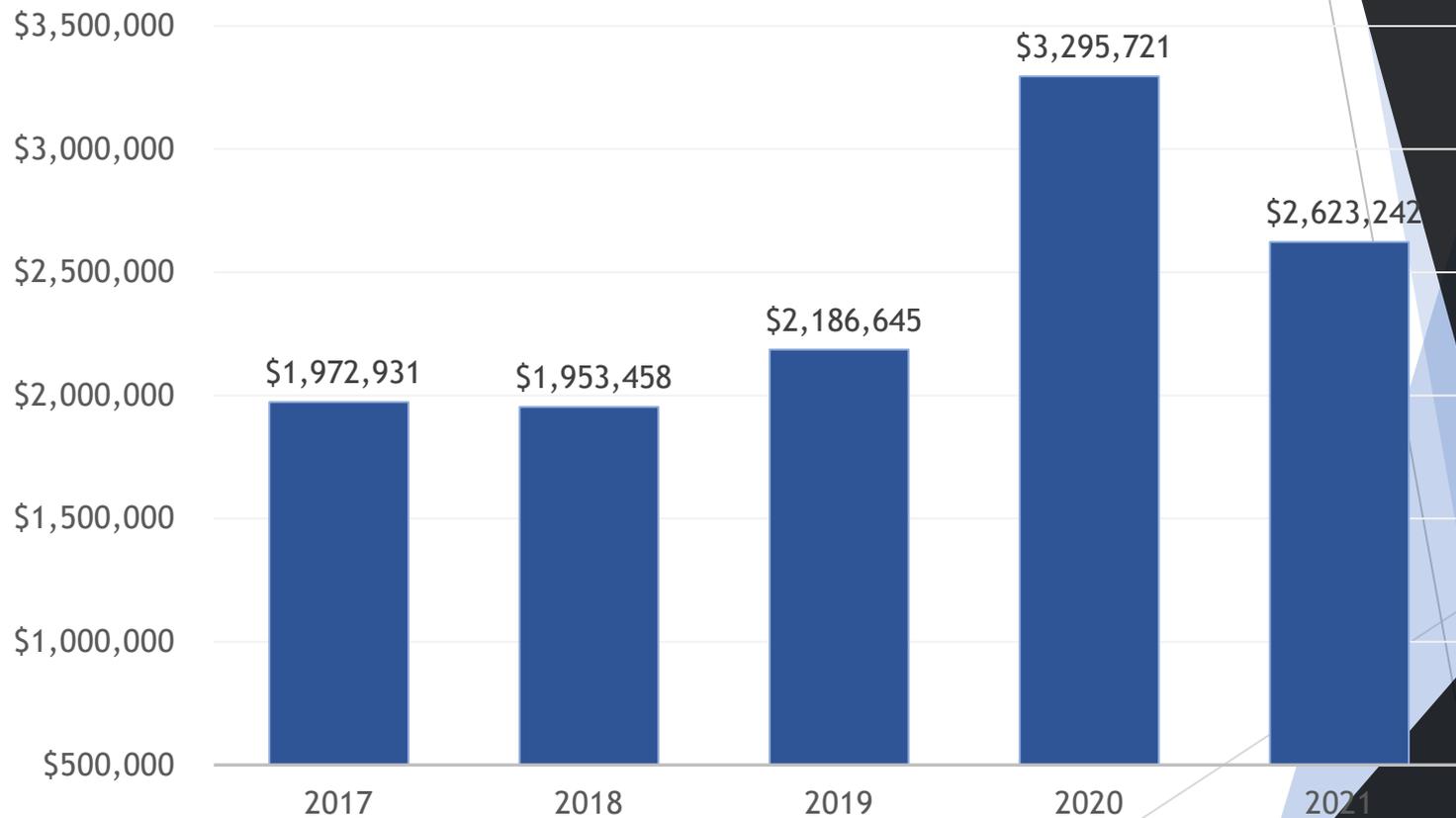
# Sources of Revenue



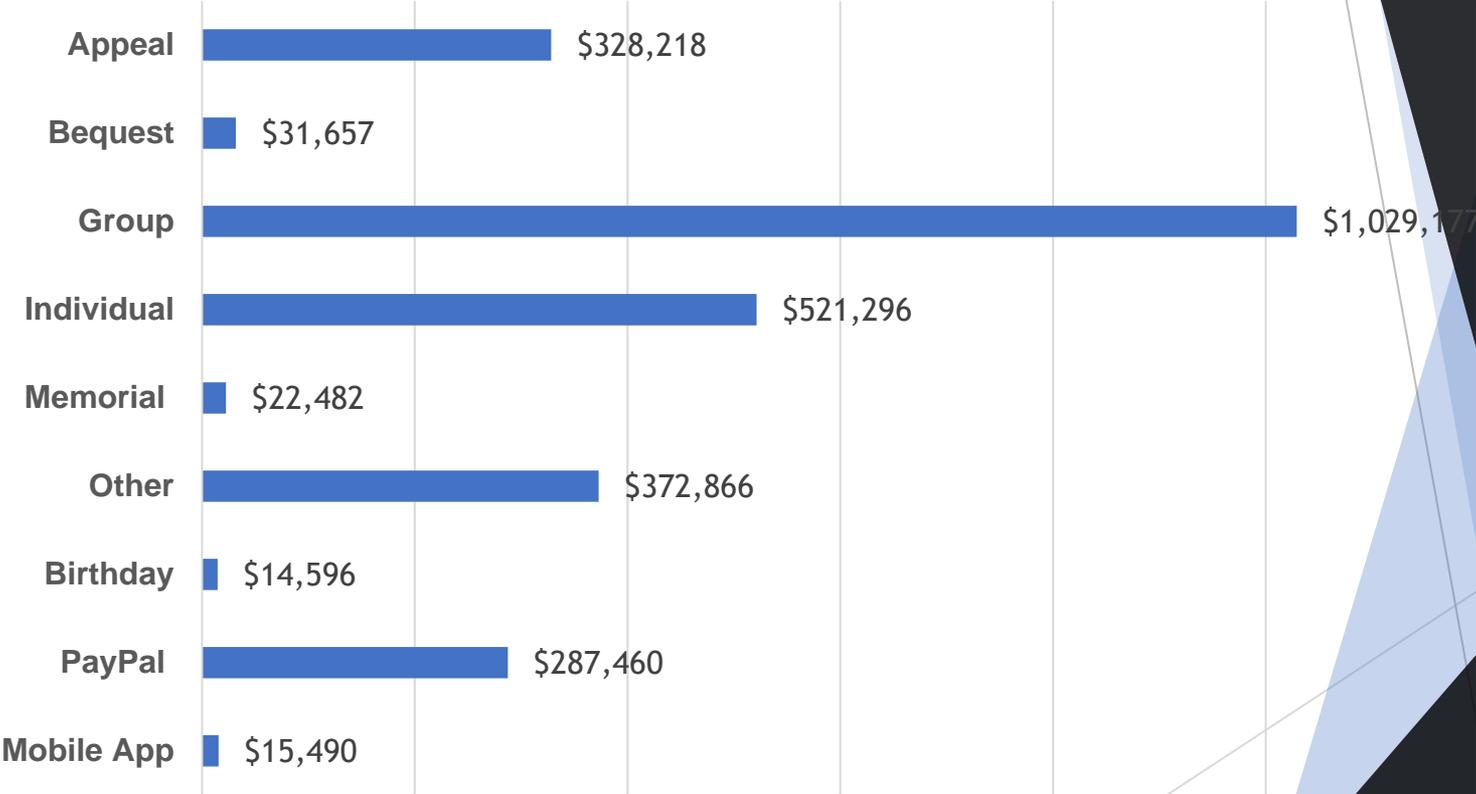
# Yearly Literature Sales



# Contributions



# 2021 Contributions



# Program Services



Registers new groups



Supports international structures



Maintains and updates meeting locations



Produces exciting new literature



Prepares program and staffs the World Service Conference (WSC)



Maintains our website, mobile app, enhances communications, and develops PSAs



Attends professional conferences to share the AI-Anon message

# 2022 Projects

Electronic Meeting Transformation

*2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen  
Service Manual Translation*

New Daily Reader Translation

First Longitudinal Study

2023 International Convention

# 2022 Operating Budget

## AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP HEADQUARTERS, INC.

### 2022 OPERATING BUDGET

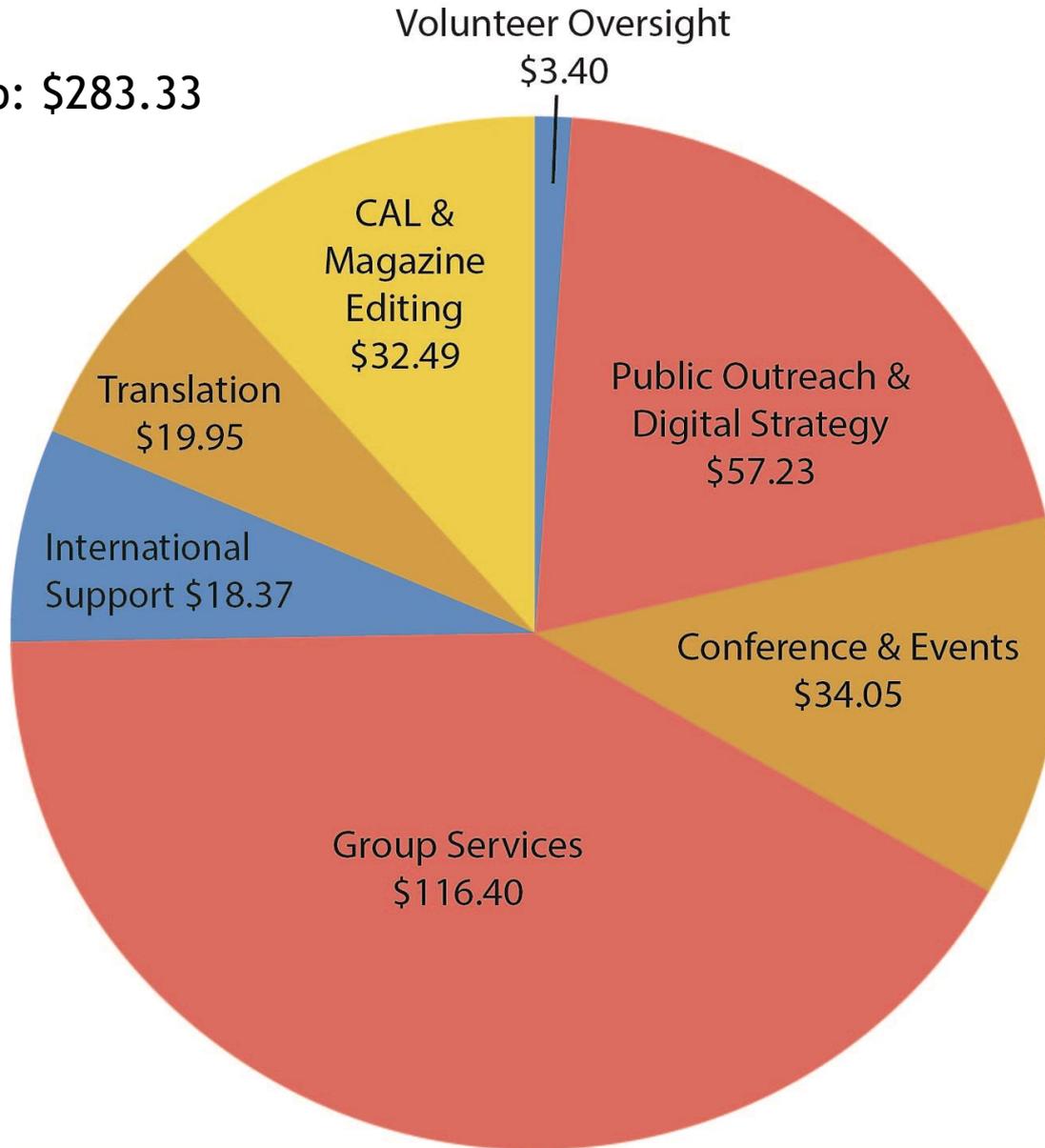
	2022 Preliminary Budget	2021 Revised Budget	YTD Audited Actual
<b><u>Estimated Revenue</u></b>			
Literature Sales less cost of printing	2,057,461	1,993,000	1,906,751
Contributions	2,850,000	2,543,535	2,623,242
Magazine sales	235,000	255,000	238,040
Subscription income	32,000	28,000	33,328
Investment Income/Transfers	285,600	280,600	235,693
<b>Total Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>5,460,061</b>	<b>5,100,135</b>	<b>5,037,054</b>

# What's the Bottom Line?

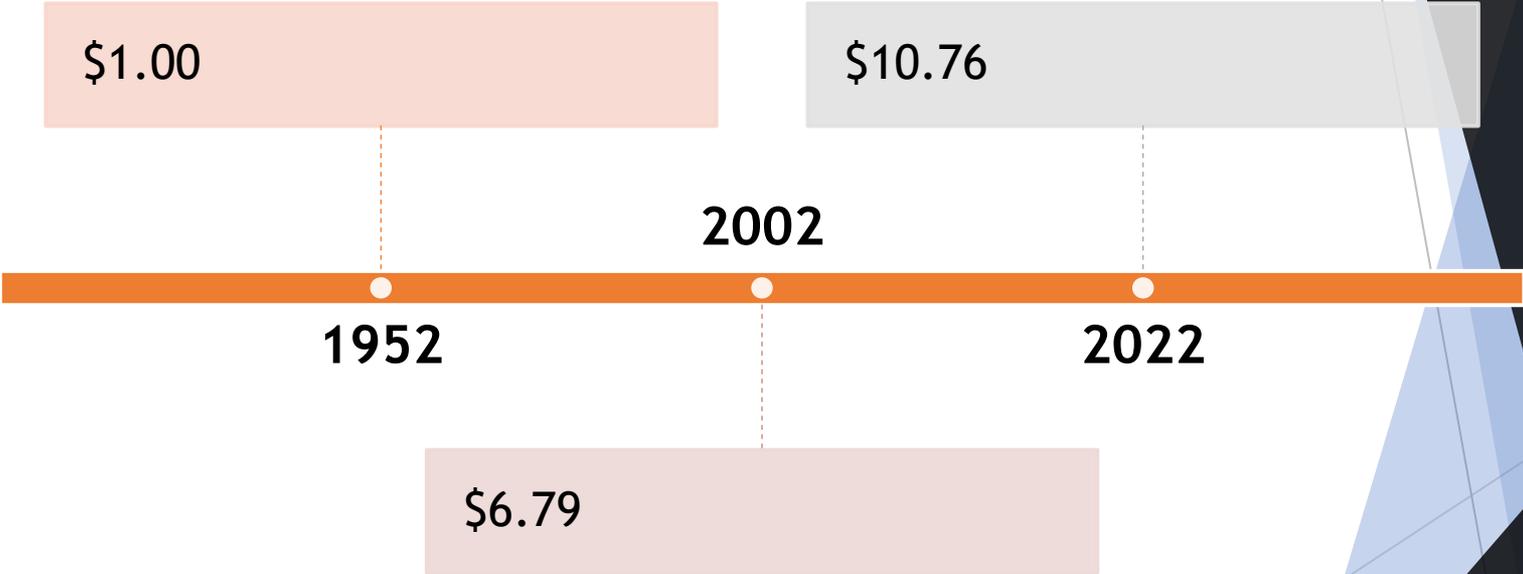
**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP HEADQUARTERS, INC.  
2022 OPERATING BUDGET**

	<b>2022 Preliminary Budget</b>	<b>2021 Revised Budget</b>	<b>YTD Audited Actual</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>5,460,061</b>	5,100,135	5,173,609
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5,813,175</b>	5,333,888	5,249,675
<b>Net increase(decrease) from Operations</b>	<b>(353,114)</b>	(233,753)	(76,066)

Cost per Group: \$283.33



# The power of \$1



# Interpretation into Spanish and French at WSC

- ▶ The 2021 WSC completed a 3-year trial period using interpreters for Spanish- and French-speaking Delegates so that they can participate fully in the World Service Conference. At the 2022 WSC one Delegate from Quebec had French interpretation for the full Conference. There were 4 Delegates present whose native language was Spanish. However, they chose to attend the WSC in English.
- ▶ This is important for our SCWS Spanish-speaking members. It is no longer necessary to be fluent in English to become a Delegate to the World Service Conference!

# Al-Anon Longitudinal Study

- ▶ Every three years Al-Anon conducts a Member Survey on the Al-Anon website. The latest Survey took place last summer from June 16 to July 27, 2021. We had a record-breaking response from over 16,000 members, a 28% increase from the previous survey.
- ▶ The 2021 WSC approved Al-Anon's first Longitudinal Study. Many members who completed last year's Member Survey indicated their willingness to participate in the 5-year annual study which will look at the effects which continued membership in Al-Anon has on members' health and well-being. The first survey will take place this summer.
- ▶ The results may provide "scientific" evidence to the professional community on the benefits of Al-Anon membership

# Alateen

- ▶ The World Service Conference had a session entitled “Alateen Recertification Process: Lessons Learned and Shared Responsibilities.” Eleven Areas missed the 2021 Recertification deadline last year and lost the right to have Alateen in their Areas. The focus was on healing after this painful process.
- ▶ SCWS is fortunate to have such a strong Alateen presence on our Board.
- ▶ The WSC received more than 100 Alateen submissions for the Alateen “Just for Tonight” bookmark.

# 2022 WSC Delegate Chosen Agenda Items

- ▶ Each year the WSC invites each Delegate to suggest up to three Chosen Agenda Items (CAI) that they would like the WSC to discuss during the Conference. Delegates vote for their favorites, and two topics are chosen. This year there were 52 CAIs and 3 CAIs since voting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> CAIs was tied.
- ▶ 1. Helping Members Recognize that Service Participation is Vital to Personal Recovery and to the Future Availability of Al-Anon to Family and Friends of Alcoholics
- ▶ 2. Rebuilding Alateen Meetings after the Pandemic and Alateen's 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition
- ▶ 3. Open discussion on attracting members into Service. What works? What doesn't work? What are the barriers for new Service members?

# Two Delegate and Trustee Thought Force presentations:

- ▶ Encourage Service Participation
- ▶ Maintaining a Sustainable Future
- ▶ SCWS will share these presentations with our members at upcoming events.

# International Service Meetings

- ▶ International Al-Anon General Service Meeting (IAGSM)
  - ▶ Coordinated by the WSO
  - ▶ Held biennially (even years)
  - ▶ For national structures
- ▶ Zonal Meetings
  - ▶ Coordinated by international structures
  - ▶ Held biennially (odd years)
  - ▶ For national and evolving structures



# IAGSM Planning London 2022



Hosted by UK & Éire Structure

October 12-15

Theme: Connecting Hearts  
and Minds Around the World

# Help wanted: WSO Associate Director - International

- ▶ The Associate Director – International will lead the WSO efforts to develop and implement plans and programs to serve AFG in countries without a service structure as well as meet the needs of evolving service structures and General Services Offices (GSOs).
- ▶ This person will lead the International Team at WSO headquarters in Virginia Beach, VA, and will also coordinate the biannual IAGSM. There is more information on [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org). Search under Employment. Resumes to: [HumanRes@al-anon.org](mailto:HumanRes@al-anon.org)

# [www.Steppingstones.org](http://www.Steppingstones.org) WSC visited April 28, 2022

## Stepping Stones

The Historic Home of Bill and Lois Wilson



# Stepping Stones to visit Southern California!

- ▶ At the 2021 Virtual WSC we had a virtual Stepping Stones visit that was deeply moving.
- ▶ The Stepping Stones Foundation has confirmed that they can bring a virtual visit to an upcoming SCWS event. Stay tuned for more information.
- ▶ If you can't wait, you can register on the [www.stepsstones.org](http://www.stepsstones.org) web site for their 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Stepping Stones Lois' Family Groups Picnic, which will be held in person and virtually on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The virtual event will be in English and Spanish.



**Albuquerque, New Mexico**  
**June 30 – July 2, 2023**



**June 29 – July 2, 2023  
in Albuquerque!**



# Road Trip! You And Your Board Connect!

# A Road Trip to Southern California in 2023?

- ▶ The October 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees will include a Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event.
- ▶ If SCWS applies and is accepted as the 2023 destination, the Board of Trustees will sponsor an all-day event on Saturday, October 28, 2023 for up to 150 Al-Anon members in our Area! The WSO will handle negotiations with a local hotel and provide registration forms for local invitations. SCWS costs would be minimal.
- ▶ SCWS's application deadline is September 23, 2022. We would be notified of final Board selection in February 2023.

# 2023 World Service Conference April 20-23, 2023

- ▶ The 2023 World Service Conference will be held in Virginia Beach, VA, from April 20-April 23, 2023.
- ▶ As reported in the 2021 World Service Office Annual Report, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to approve reducing Conference Week to four days effective in 2023 on a three-year trial basis.

# Questions

