



Al-Anon Family Groups

Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

SCWS Delegate's Report

AWSC

August 20, 2022

Electronic Groups

- ▶ The World Service Office is hard at work developing procedures which will enable Areas to welcome Electronic Groups.
- ▶ Five Areas have already voted to admit EGs and have developed procedures for welcoming and registering Electronic Groups. The WSO does not need to approve these procedures. However, they will be involved in listing these new groups on the Al-Anon.org website.
- ▶ Today you will see a presentation from the SCWS Electronic Groups Task Force and have an opportunity to ask questions about the process.

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

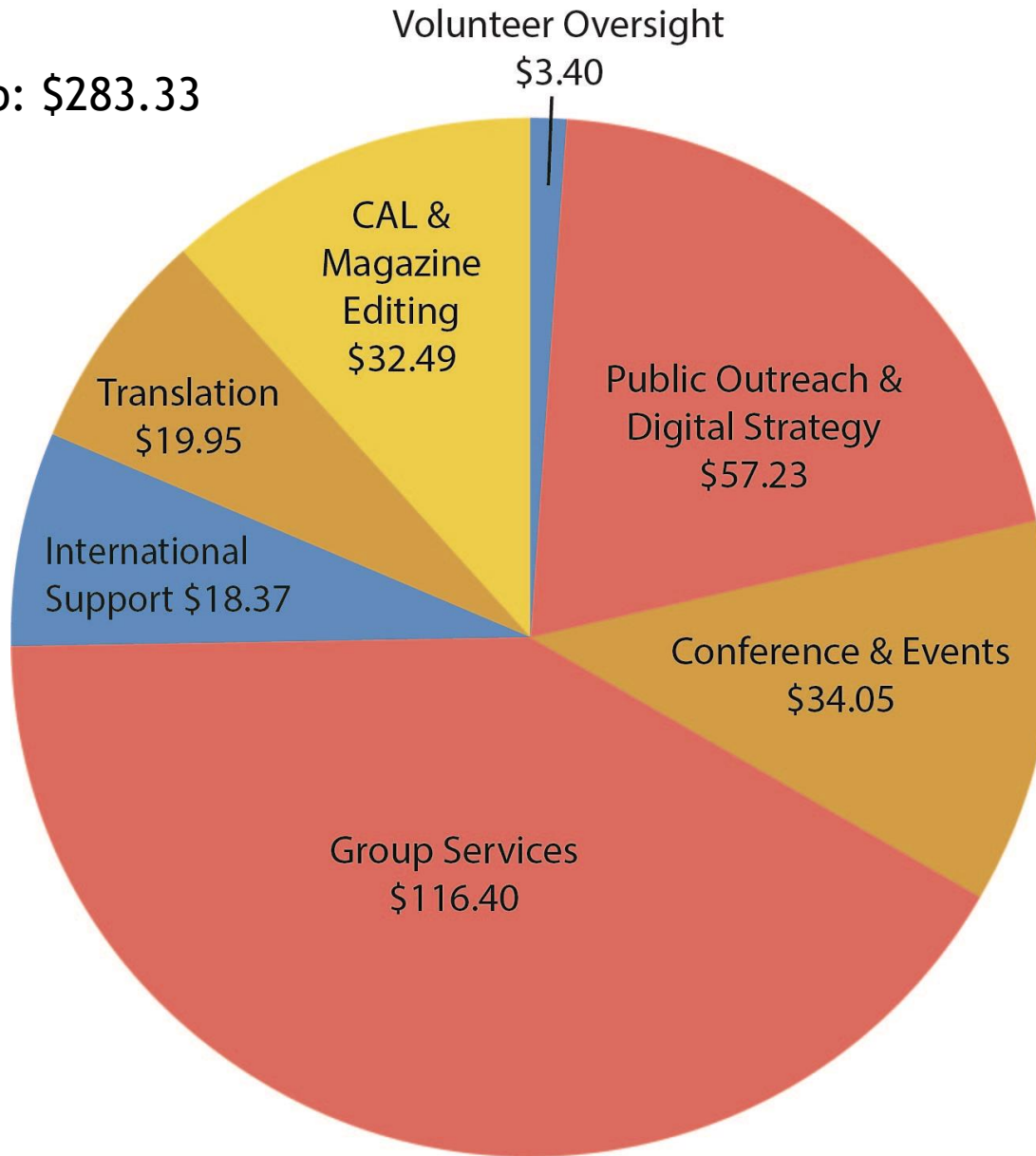
2021 World Service Office Annual Report

- ▶ A 50-page update on the work done by the Al-Anon World Service Office in 2021.
- ▶ Now available at: [Al-anon.org/for-members/wso/annual-report/](https://al-anon.org/for-members/wso/annual-report/)

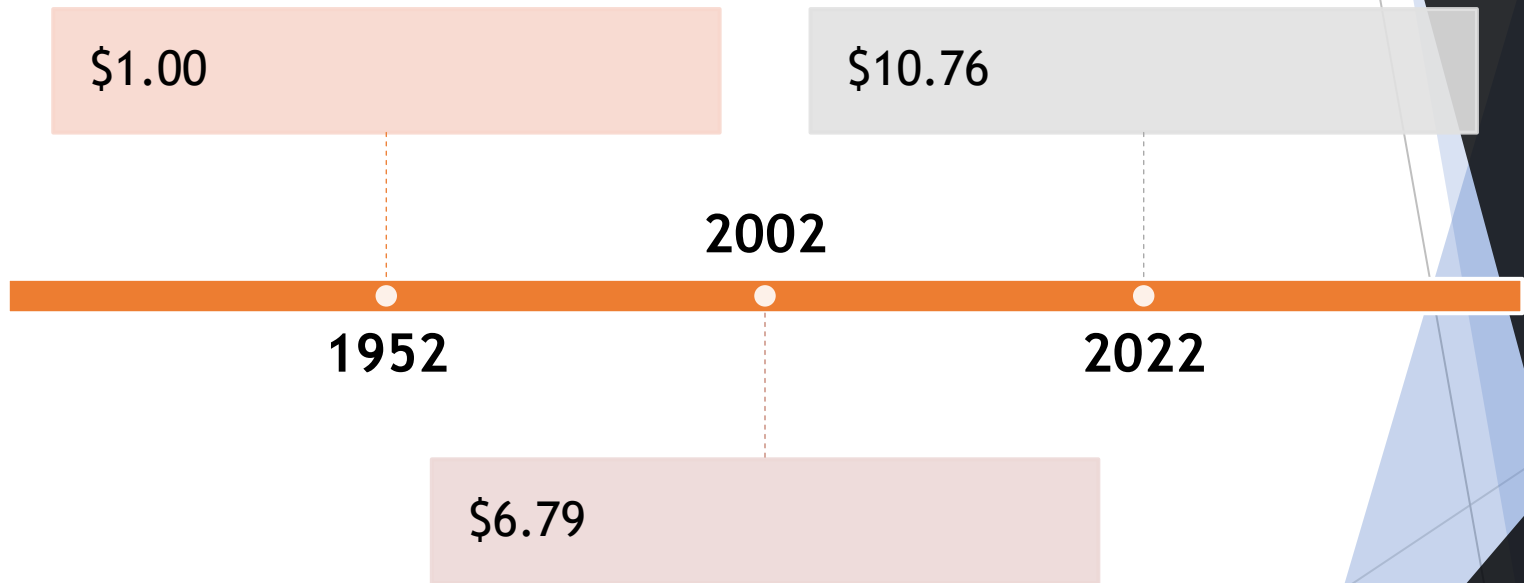
July 2022 Chairperson of the Board Letter

- ▶ This letter and supporting reports on Finance were presented to Delegates on August 6 by Lynette K., Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.
- ▶ This quarterly report will be posted on Al-Anon.org as soon as translation into Spanish and French has been completed.
- ▶ While financial figures will be released with the letter, Al-Anon is still expecting a deficit for the 2022 fiscal year. Hopefully our SCWS groups will continue their generous contributions to WSO in the second half of 2022!

Cost per Group: \$283.33



The power of \$1



2022 World Service Conference Highlights and Summary

- ▶ A brief, informative summary of key events at the 2022 WSC is available at:
- ▶ <https://al-anon.org/pdf/Highlights-of-the-2022-World-Service-Conference.pdf>
- ▶ Highlights are published in English, Spanish, and French.
- ▶ The 2022 World Conference Summary is now available on the website:
- ▶ <https://al-anon.org/pdf/P46-2022-web.pdf>
- ▶ Printed copies will be available for purchase in mid-September. The full summary is only available in English.

In the Loop: News from your WSO

- ▶ This is published in Spanish as En Contacto: Noticias de su OSM.
- ▶ The monthly enewsletter is sent automatically to all Group Current Mailing Addresses (CMA). However, all Al-Anon members are welcome to subscribe!
- ▶ Members can subscribe at: al-anon.org/emailme
- ▶ This web address works either for In the Loop or En Contacto.

In the Loop--Item from this week's newsletter

- ▶ **Consider Becoming a WSO Volunteer**
- ▶ Al-Anon and Alateen members are needed to serve as Volunteers on World Service Office (WSO) Committees. These Committees include Literature, *Forum* Editorial Advisory (FEAC), Public Outreach, and Audit. Members meet via web conferencing.
- ▶ You only need five years of continuous Al-Anon/Alateen membership to serve. Alateen members must be at least 13 years old and have one year of Alateen membership.
- ▶ Click below to view the complete list of committee descriptions, duties, and qualifications, and to submit your résumé.
- ▶ **Deadline to submit résumés is October 29, 2022.**

2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27)

- ▶ A new version of the new Service Manual, which incorporates changes approved at the 2022 World Service Conference, has just been posted to al-anon.org in English, Spanish, and French. An electronic version can be downloaded free of charge.
- ▶ Version 2 is at the printer. WSO anticipates that the print versions of the Service Manual will be available before the end of the year.

Index of WSC Chosen Agenda Items

- ▶ WSO has updated the Index of Chosen Agenda Items. Here is the link:
- ▶ <https://al-anon.org/for-members/world-service-conference-wsc/chosen-agenda-items/>
- ▶ Chosen Agenda Item (CAI) discussions have been taking place at Al-Anon's Annual World Service Conferences since 1976. The purpose of the CAIs is to give all Conference members an opportunity to submit and select topics and issues of concern that affect Al-Anon groups and members worldwide for discussion at Conference.
- ▶ Following an invitation to evaluate the Chosen Agenda Items Process, one of the suggestions from the 2018 World Service Conference members was to create a Chosen Agenda Items Index.

Al-Anon Brand Communications

- WSO Brand communications will be sending information on a regular basis suitable for SCWS and our Districts' efforts to carry the Al-Anon message to the public. Scot Powers, Associate Director, will send this information to the following AFG Connects communities.
- Public Outreach Coordinators
- Web Coordinators
- Newsletter Editors
- District Representatives
- Al-Anon Information Services
- ▶ These are Trusted Servants who may be involved directly or indirectly with the development or management of websites and newsletters (digital & print).

Al-Anon literature prices increased on August 1

- ▶ Al-Anon literature prices have not increased since 2013.
- ▶ Price increases are due primarily to soaring costs of paper, production, and shipping.

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

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

www.Steppingstones.org
Coming to SoCal 1/21/23!

Stepping Stones

The Historic Home of Bill and Lois Wilson





Albuquerque, New Mexico
June 30 – July 2, 2023
Registration opens November 1, 2022

2023 Al-Anon International Convention with AA Participation

- ▶ June 29-July 2, 2023
- ▶ Albuquerque, NM
- ▶ June 29 Day of Connecting – celebrate service
- ▶ Daytime sessions Friday and Saturday – meetings, book study, panels, workshops. AA meetings both days.
- ▶ Big Meeting on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- ▶ Parade and reimagined Pioneer Luncheon
- ▶ You can send your ideas/requests about programming and content to:
- ▶ al-anoninternationalconvention@al-anon.org



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.
- ▶ SCWS GRs at the May Assembly indicated their willingness for SCWS to apply. If our Area application 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 will 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. The WSC will include a tour of the World Service Office.
- ▶ 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

