



Al-Anon Family Groups

Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

SCWS Delegate's Report

Assembly, November 19, 2022

Electronic Groups

- ▶ The World Service Office is now capable of registering Electronic Groups once Areas have voted to accept these Al-Anon Family Groups and have developed policies and procedures to support them.
- ▶ About 25% of AFG's 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.
- ▶ By the time I deliver this report today, Southern California World Service will have decided whether to welcome Electronic Groups into our area, and we will have voted on policies necessary for an Electronic Group to join our Area.

Program Services Provided by the World Service Office



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/)

October 2022 Chairperson of the Board Letter

- ▶ This letter and supporting reports on Finance were presented to Delegates on November 12 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. In the first half of 2022, SCWS Groups contributed more than \$51,000 to WSO! This is in addition to SCWS contributions to WSO.

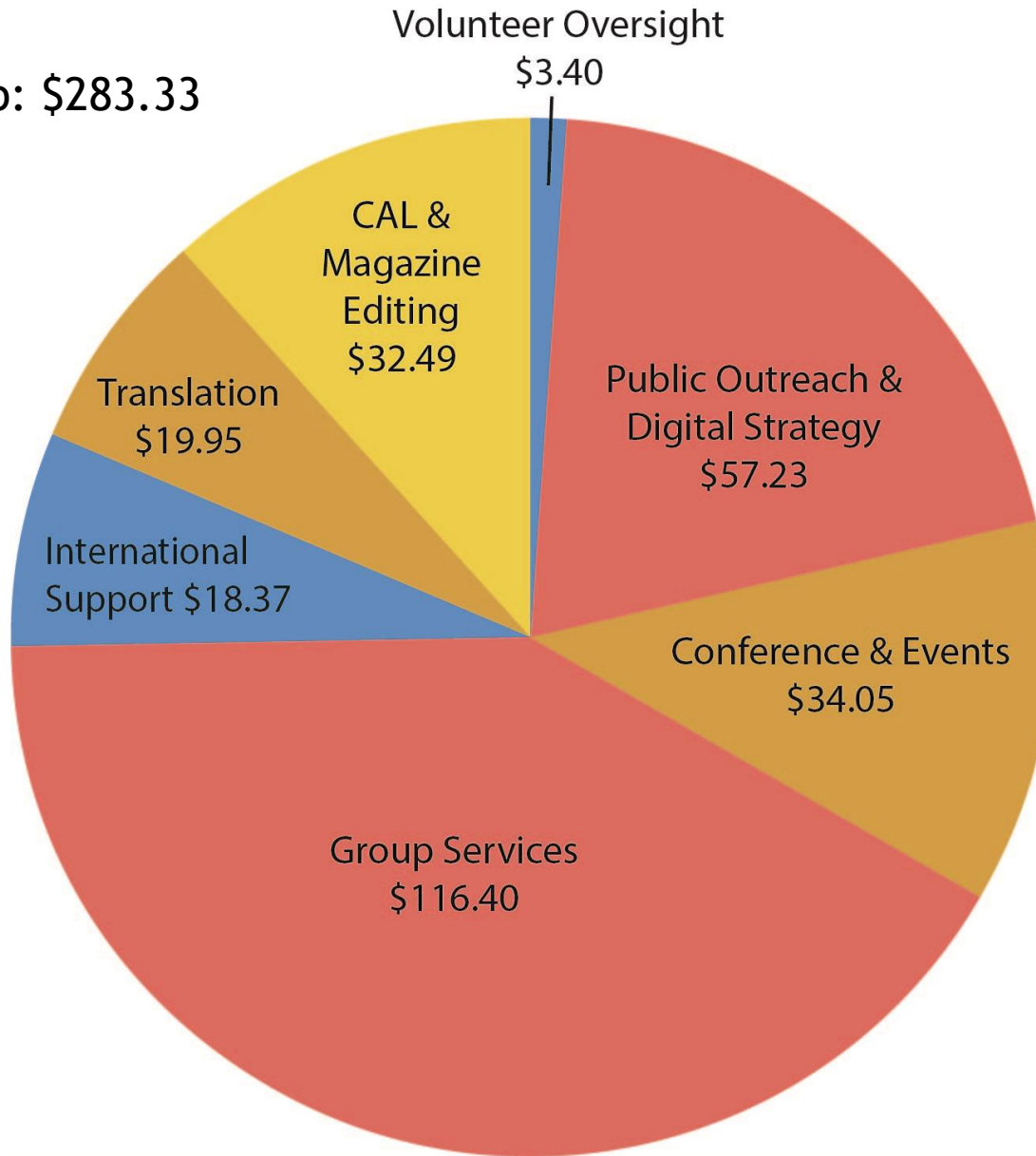
Year to date (YTD) September 2022

	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	Revised Budget
Revenue			
Literature Sales—Net	\$1,532,720	\$1,582,057	\$2,156,210
Contributions	\$2,328,931	\$2,033,855	\$2,917,980
Other Income	\$283,745	\$409,950	\$546,600
Total Revenue	\$4,145,396	\$4,025,862	\$5,620,790
Total Expenses	\$4,293,394	\$4,465,137	\$5,953,516
Net Increase/(Decrease)	(\$147,998)	(\$439,275)	(\$332,726)

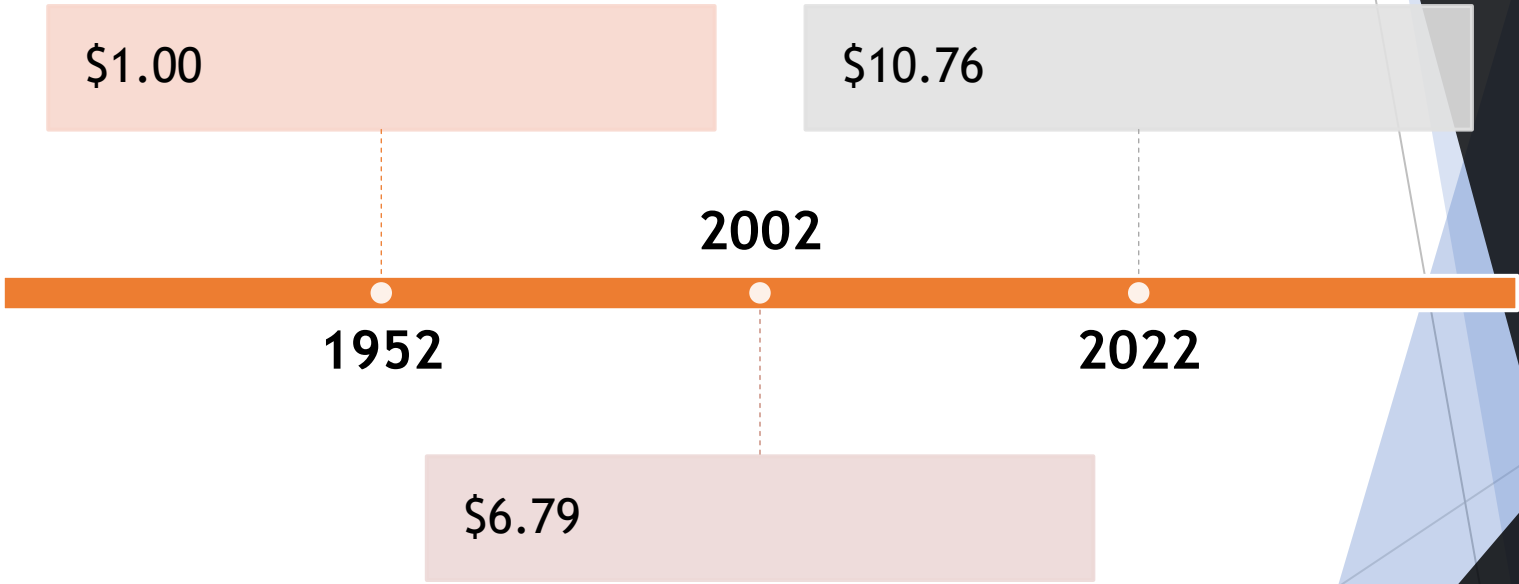
October was a busy month

- ▶ While Al-Anon's deficit is smaller than the revised budget at the end of our third quarter, we had two major (and expensive) events in October that will affect our 2022 yearend budget substantially..
- ▶ The bi-annual International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) in London
- ▶ The quarterly Board meeting in Cleveland, followed by Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect at the end of October. About 150 members attended.
- ▶ A budget note: This is the 3rd year in a row during the pandemic when Member Contributions have brought in more revenue than Literature Sales.

Cost per Group: \$283.33



The power of \$1



Envisioned Future Work Group (EFWG)

- ▶ At the October meeting of the Al-Anon Board of Trustees, the EFWG led a discussion regarding diversity and inclusivity. They identified five variables that contribute to diversity: Socioeconomic, Cultural/Geographic, Disability, Race, Gender.
- ▶ The Board decided to hire an outside consultant to present a workshop on diversity at the January 2023 Board Meeting.

News from WSO

- ▶ Al-Anon's latest Daily Reader—A Little Time for Myself: A Collection of Al-Anon Personal Experiences—will be introduced at the 2023 Al-Anon International Convention beginning July 29.
- ▶ The Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App—launched just over two years ago—is currently home to 37 Al-Anon Family Groups holding 101 meetings each week. We now have more than 120,000 registered members.
- ▶ The World Service Office in Virginia Beach, VA, is once again opening its doors for guests. Tours need to be scheduled at al-anon.org/tourwso.

More news. . .

- ▶ On September 10 WSO's first Spanish-speaking member interview aired on YouTube. The interview was later dubbed into English as well! AFG has a large presence on YouTube.
- ▶ SCWS did not have any member submit a resume to stand for Southwest Regional Trustee. Resumes were due August 15.
- ▶ The 48th Annual Southwest Regional Delegate's Meeting will be held in Salt Lake City on March 10, 11, and 12 2023. The SCWS Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Delegate, and Immediate Past Delegate attend this meeting to help prepare current and new Southwest Region Area Delegates for the 2023 World Service Conference. Other Board members and guests also attend SWRDM.

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 became available for purchase in mid-September. The full summary is only available in English.

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, was posted recently 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 took 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



Int'l Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM)



Hosted by UK & Éire Structure

October 12-15 London

Theme: Connecting Hearts
and Minds Around the World

IAGSM (cont.)

- ▶ All members of International Coordination Committee (ICC) and 27 Delegates from 18 countries attended.
- ▶ Members of the ICC visited 9 European countries with Al-Anon General Service Offices.
- ▶ An International Team has been formed at the World Service Office. You can email with questions to: international@al-anon.org.
- ▶ Jennifer Ullman joined the WSO August 22 as Associate Director-International. She speaks 7 languages!



Albuquerque, New Mexico
June 29 – July 2, 2023
Registration opened November 8, 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 applied in September. We are waiting to hear if we are one of the finalist sites. 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.

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.

Questions

