



Al-Anon Family Groups

Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

SCWS Delegate's Report

AWSC, February 18, 2023

A Road Trip to Southern California in 2023!

- ▶ The October 2023 meeting of the AFG Board of Trustees will include a “Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect” event in Los Angeles. Our selection was just announced today to all Delegates at the meeting at which the Chairman of the Board reads her quarterly letter to Al-Anon’s membership.
- ▶ SCWS GRs at the May 19, 2022 Assembly approved SCWS’s application to host this event. Now that our Area application has been 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 near LAX and provide registration forms for local invitations. SCWS costs will be minimal.



Electronic Groups

- ▶ The World Service Office is now able to register Electronic Groups in Areas which have voted to accept these Al-Anon Family Groups and have developed policies and procedures to support them.
- ▶ At our November 19, 2022 Assembly, a substantial majority of our GRs voted to accept Electronic Groups into SCWS. The only requirement for an EG to join our Area was to have the person with the Current Mailing Address and the GR be residents of Southern California.
- ▶ We also voted to create an Electronic Overlay District 15 for EGs who choose not to join one of our geographic districts.
- ▶ Within the week SCWS will have registered 40 EGs!

SCWS EG Town Hall

February 11, 2023

- ▶ A huge shout out to the 7 members of the Electronic Groups Task Force and the SCWS Board for the Zoom Town Hall which was held last Saturday, February 11.
- ▶ About 150 Al-Anon members, mostly from SCWS, attended to get answers to their questions about forming and registering Electronic Groups in our Area.
- ▶ The EG Task Force has completed its charge. SCWS groups with further questions can send them to: groupandmemberconcerns@scws-al-anon.org.

February Chairperson of the Board Letter

- ▶ This letter and supporting reports on Finance were presented to Delegates February 18 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.
- ▶ Financial figures will be released with the letter. The good news is that the deficit for the 2022 fiscal year was much lower than projected. As you will see on the next slide, Group and Area contributions were higher than expected. Al-Anon was also very close to meeting its projected literature sales goals. SCWS played its part in this good news. In the first half of 2022, SCWS Groups contributed more than \$51,000 to WSO! This is in addition to the \$50,000 SCWS contributed to WSO in 2022.

Year to date (YTD) December 31, 2022

▶	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	Revenue
▶ Literature Sales—net	\$2,099,850	\$2,156,210	
▶ Contributions	\$3,337,919	\$2,917,980	
▶ Other income	\$ 247,738	\$ 546,600	
▶ Total Revenue	\$5,685,507	\$5,620,790	
▶ Total Expenses	\$5,729,984	\$5,953,516	
▶ Net Increase/(Decrease)	(\$44,477)	(\$332,726)	
▶ The Board approved the 2023 preliminary budget and anticipates a balanced budget!			

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

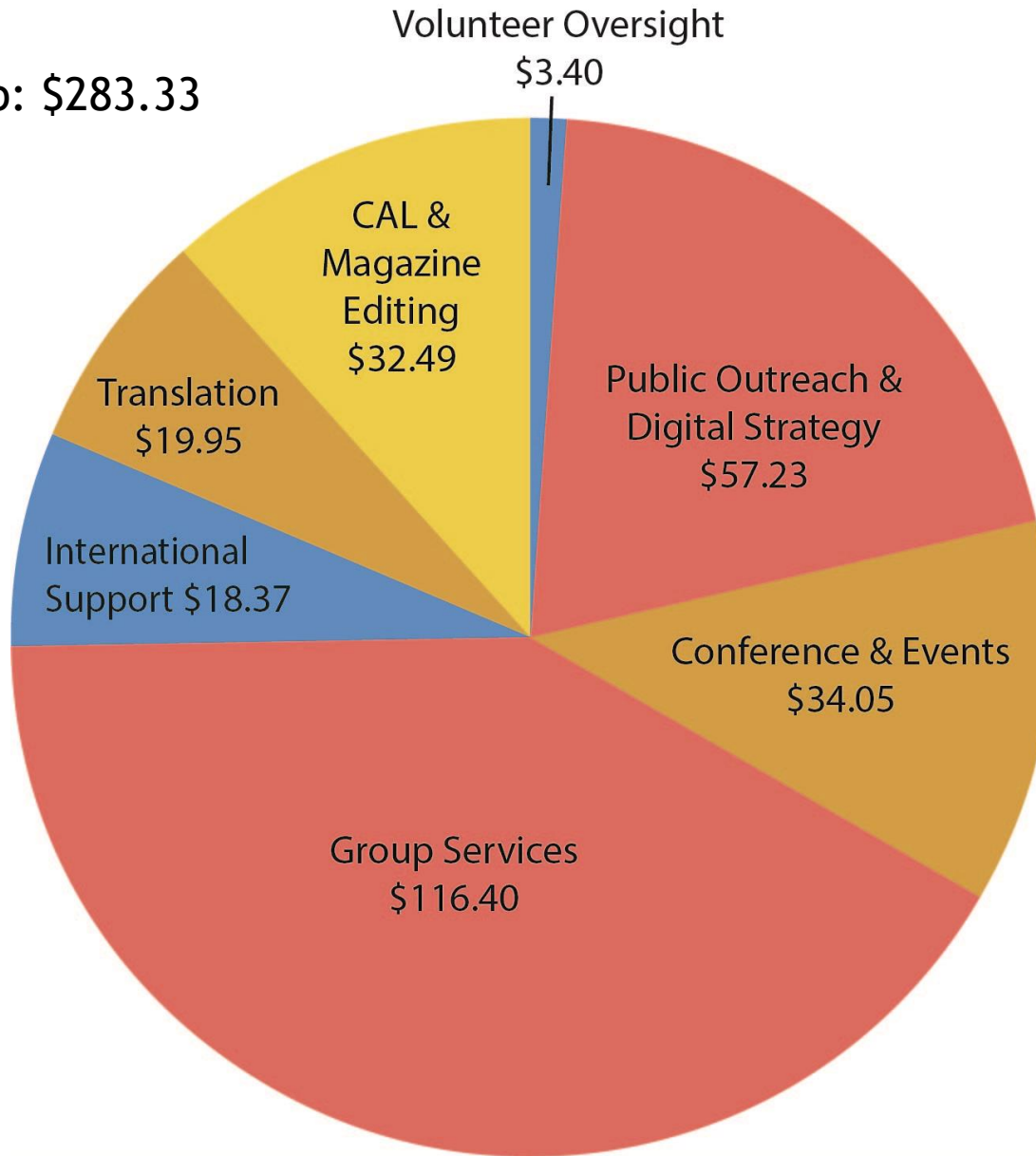


Attends professional conferences to share the AI-Anon message

2023 WSO Projects

- ▶ 2023 International Convention and Day of Connecting
- ▶ Collaborating to improve Conference Approved Literature globally
- ▶ Improvements to Al-Anon Online Store
- ▶ Transforming Electronic Groups
- ▶ Alateen electronic group feasibility
- ▶ Meetings with International structures
- ▶ Alateen Recertification
- ▶ Road Trip! Planning
- ▶ Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App refresh

Cost per Group: \$283.33



Five Trustee Nominees

- ▶ Five Trustee nominees will be presented at the World Service Conference for traditional approval.
- ▶ One of these five Trustee Nominees is Past SCWS Delegate Jayme C. She will be presented to the WSC for her first three-year term as a Trustee at Large.
- ▶ Congratulations, Jayme!

Diversity Workshop

- ▶ At the January 2023 meeting of the Al-Anon Board of Trustees, Board members participated in a 3-hour Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity (DEI) workshop led by an outside consultant. The Board made the decision to present this DEI workshop at the 2023 WSC.
- ▶ Board members will each participate in a 21-day challenge designed to help broaden one's DEI thinking and behavior.

2024 WSC Delegate-led Thought and Task Forces

- ▶ The Board has formed three Delegate-led Thought and Task Forces that will be presented at the 2024 World Service Conference. They are:
- ▶ Task Force: Personal and Service Sponsorship
- ▶ Task Force: Revitalizing Alateen
- ▶ Thought Force: Eliminating Regional Trustees

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.

Southwest Regional Delegate's Meeting

- ▶ 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 may also attend SWRDM.
- ▶ The Al-Anon Areas in the Southwest Region are: California South (SCWS), California North, Hawaii, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and Colorado.

2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) Now Available in Print!

- ▶ A new version of the new Service Manual, which incorporates changes approved at the 2022 World Service Conference, is posted on the al-anon.org website in English, Spanish, and French. An electronic version can be downloaded free of charge.
- ▶ Version 2 of the Service Manual is now available in print in English! You can order it from the WSO Electronic Bookstore on Al-Anon.org, or from your local Area Information Service (intergroup) office. There has been a delay with the Spanish version, which should be available the first week of March.



Albuquerque, New Mexico
June 29 – July 2, 2023
Registration now open.

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.
- ▶ International Big Meeting and Language of Love Parade on Friday
- ▶ Family Big Meeting and Trailblazers Breakfast on Route 66 on Saturday. Spiritual Big Meeting Sunday.
- ▶ You can send your ideas/requests about programming and content to:
- ▶ al-anoninternationalconvention@al-anon.org

International Convention (cont.)

- ▶ Registration \$200 until May 10, afterwards \$225
- ▶ Virtual attendance registration fee \$145. Includes access to all three Big Meetings, a slate of sessions, and the International Convention event app to connect to members attending in person.
- ▶ To register for the virtual participation, go to:
<https://multisoftevents.com/AIAnon23/Register.aspx>

2023 World Service Conference April 20-23, 2023

- ▶ The conference theme is:
- ▶ Love, Laugh, and Grow Together
- ▶ Amar, reír y crecer juntos
- ▶ 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.

2023 WSC Love Gifts

- ▶ The WSC will accept cards and letters of support during the WSC. Cards should be timed to arrive at the Conference hotel after April 15, 2023. They should have the Delegate's name and home address as the return address in case they are delayed. They can be mailed to:
 - ▶ Delegate's name (Hold for WSC 4/20-4/23, 2023)
 - ▶ The Founders Inn and Spa
 - ▶ 5641 Indian River Rd.
 - ▶ Virginia Beach, VA 23464
- ▶ In lieu of love gifts, groups and districts may consider making a financial donation to the World Service Office.

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

