



Al-Anon Family Groups

Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

SCWS AWSC Delegate's Report

August 19, 2023



**In her welcome to the 1983
World Service Conference,
Lois said, “Al-Anon is a
program of love, and love is
the primary motive in all our
activities.”**

Many Voices, One Journey (B-31), p. 230



Road Trip! You And Your Board Connect!

A Road Trip to Southern California in 2023!

- ▶ The Al-Anon Family Groups Board of Trustees will meet in Los Angeles the last week of October, 2023. The Board of Trustees will host a “Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect” event at the LAX Hilton Hotel all day Saturday, October 28, 2023.
- ▶ We are hoping that at least 200 Al-Anon members in our Area will be able to attend. The World Service Office will handle negotiations with the hotel and handle registration. SCWS costs will be minimal. We will let you know when registration will open. Registration price has not yet been determined but should be around \$35 including lunch.
- ▶ Invitations to SCWS members will go out in early September. We will have Spanish interpretation at the event.
- ▶ We have decided not to book a block of rooms at the hotel.
- ▶ Our SCWS Chairperson Vicki, who is also chairing the Road Trip! Welcome committee, attended last year’s Road Trip! Event in Cleveland. She said it a great opportunity to meet the entire Board of Trustees and to see how Al-Anon works at the global level.

The 2023 International Convention was held on **June 29 – July 2, 2023** at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM.



2023 Al-Anon International Convention with A.A. Participation

The Al-Anon International Convention was a huge success.

Total registrants were 4,517, including 3,387 Al-Anon, 42 Alateen, 293 AA, 54 guests, and 741 virtual registrants.

Transforming Electronic Groups Project – Work Completed

- ▶ Global Electronic Meeting Search is now available!
- ▶ Electronic Groups can transfer to and from the GEA using available online forms.
- ▶ Electronic group registration and change forms can only be submitted online.
- ▶ Electronic Groups registered with geographic Areas such as SCWS are now displayed on al-anon.org.
- ▶ The WSO has suggested that in Areas which have voted to accept Electronic Meetings, the transition from temporary electronic meeting to permanent Electronic Group take place within a year of the vote, which for SCWS took place at our November 19, 2022 Assembly.

New Conference Approved Literature

- ▶ The new Al-Anon Daily Reader entitled “A Little Time for Myself” was released at the Al-Anon International Convention this summer. The first printing is sold out and a second printing has been ordered. There may be copies available at some AIS/LDC bookstores.
- ▶ The Just for Tonight Alateen Bookmark (M-82) should be available this fall in English and Spanish.

Board of Trustees Policy Committee Update

- ▶ During the August 12 meeting with the World Service Conference members to discuss the Chairperson of the Board letter—which will be published soon in English and Spanish on the Al-Anon web site--we also had a report from the Policy Committee.
- ▶ The Policy Committee discussed a member question: “Is the gendered language of the Steps and Traditions in alignment with Al-Anon’s Legacies?” The fellowship has been discussing this question for many years. The Policy Committee informed us that “the conversation will continue in the future.” It does not change the boundaries established in the Al-Anon World Service Conference Charter.

AFG Inc. Finances

2023

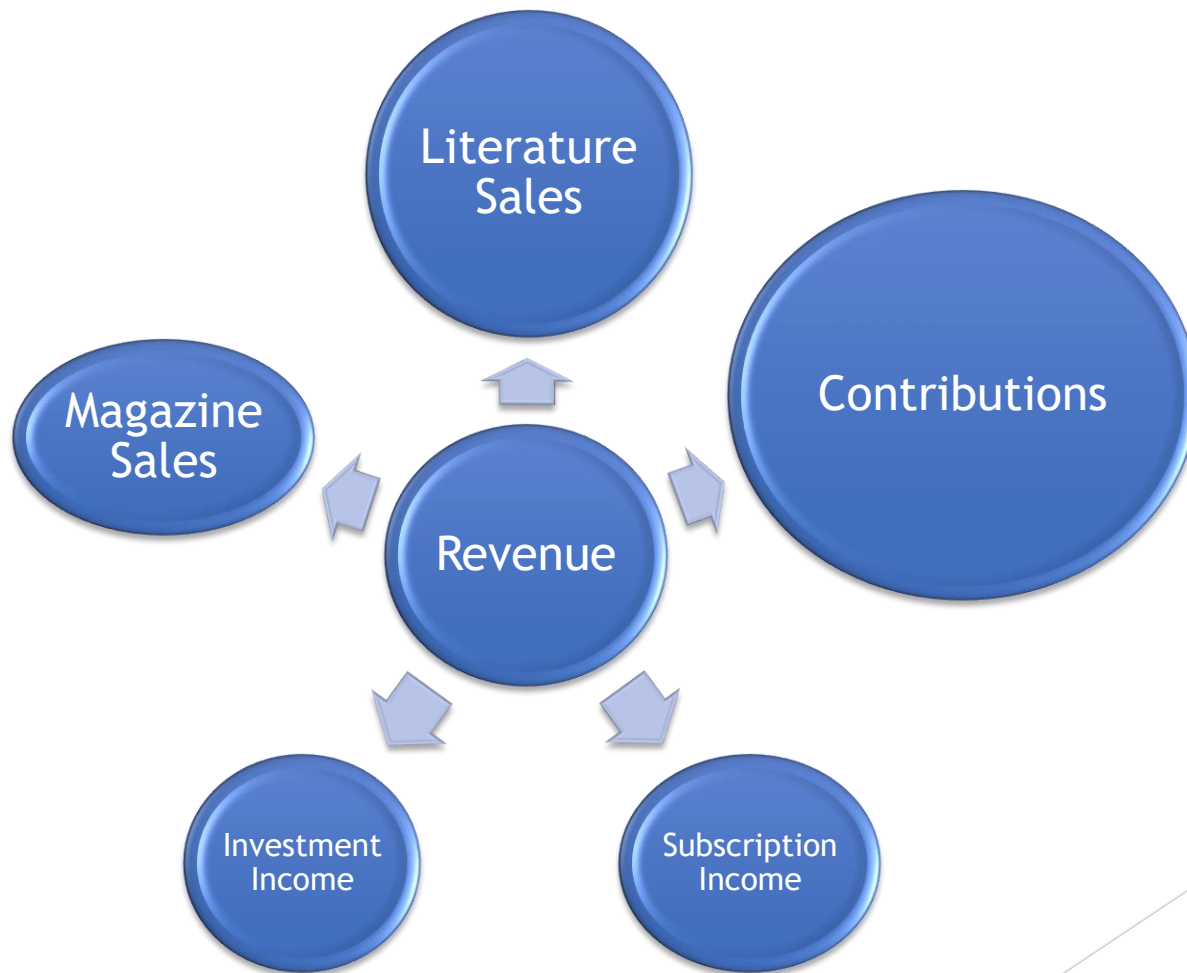
Revised Budget

Revenue: \$5,860,430

Expenses: \$5,795,664

Surplus: \$64,770

Sources of Revenue



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 Al-Anon message

2023 Projects

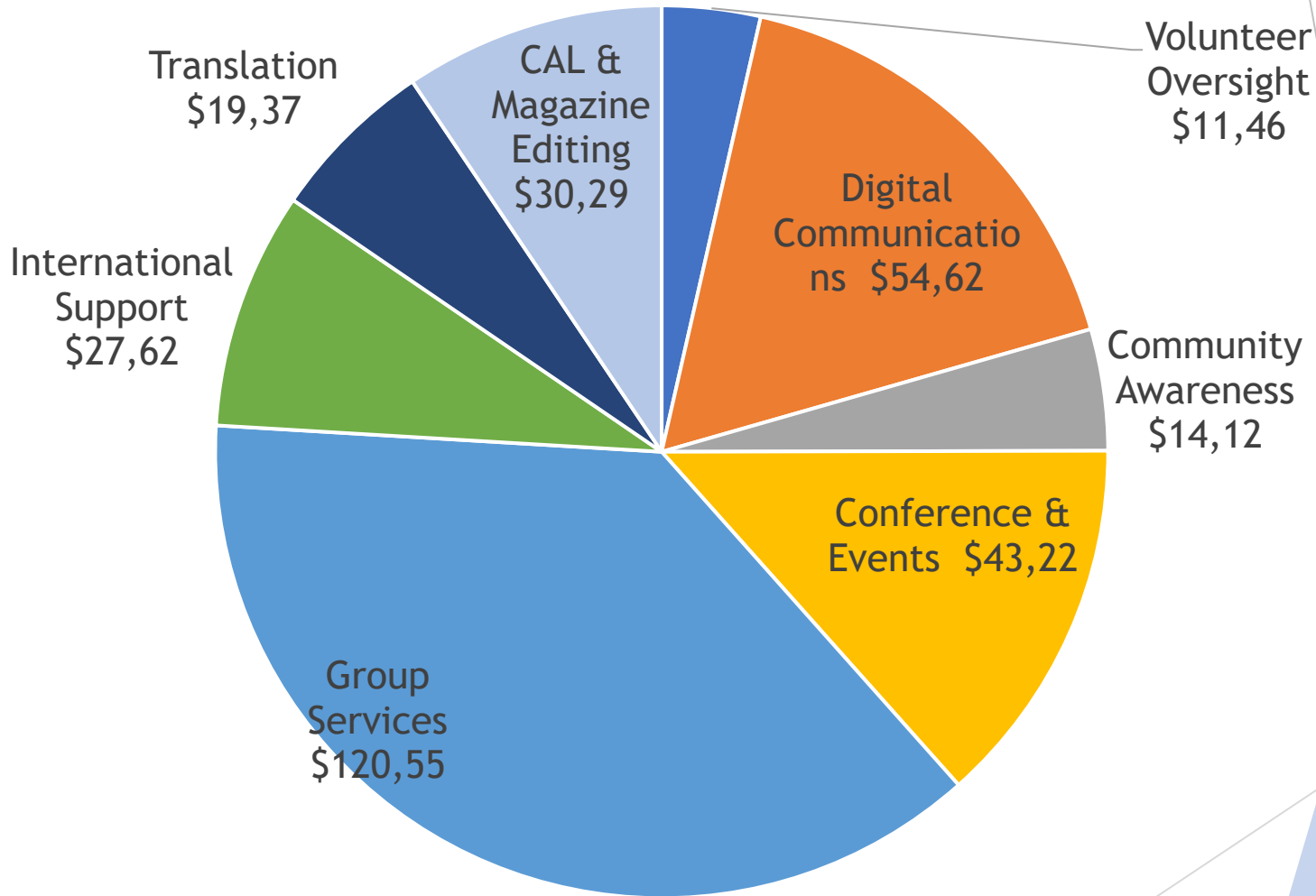
Electronic Group
Transformation

Mobile App Upgrade

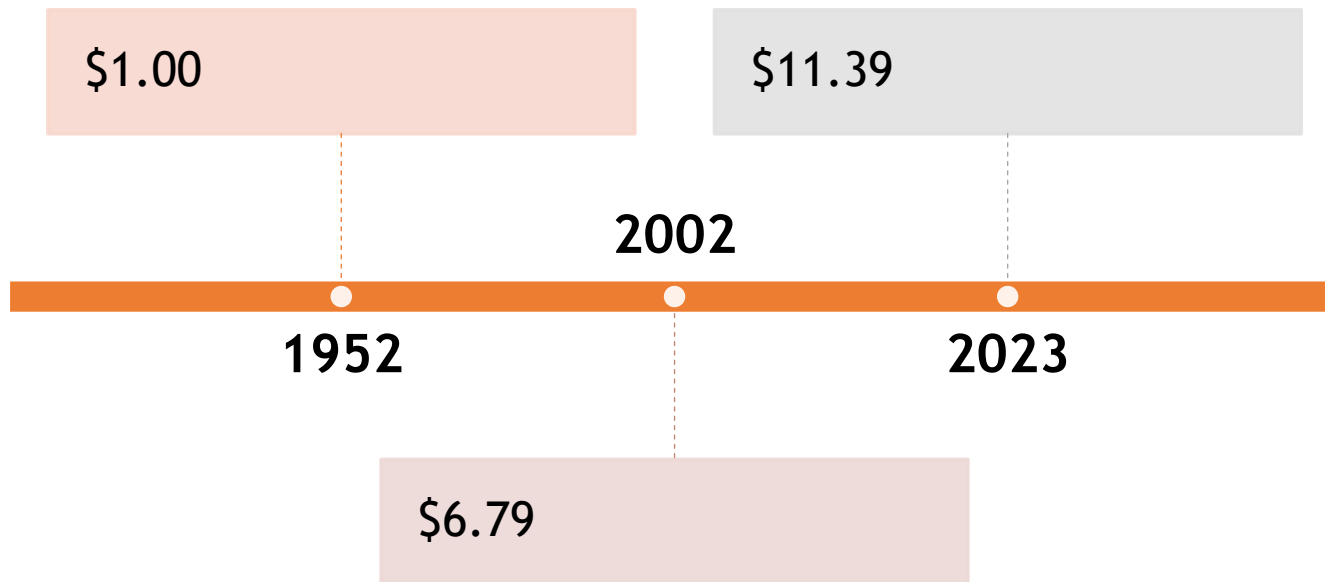
International Structures
Meetings

2023 International
Convention

Cost per Group: \$321.25



The power of \$1



Stepping Stones and the WSC in New York

- ▶ At the 2021 Virtual WSC we had a virtual Stepping Stones visit that was deeply moving. In 2022 the WSC was held in Tarrytown and WSC members visited Stepping Stones—the home of AA founder Bill W. and his wife Lois W. Al-Anon's first office and Clearinghouse was at Stepping Stones.
- ▶ This year at the 2023 WSC we had a discussion about the feasibility of continuing to have the WSC in the New York every third year. Holding the WSC in New York is considerably more expensive than having it in Virginia Beach.
- ▶ Many Delegates described the spiritual impact of visiting Stepping Stones and witnessing this Al-Anon history.
- ▶ The AFG Inc. Board of Trustees has decided that the 2025 World Service Conference will be held near New York City. Delegates will have the chance to see Stepping Stones before or after the WSC.

2022 Annual Report

- ▶ The publication of the 2022 Annual Report has been delayed because of the International Convention. It will be published this fall and available on Al-anon.org.

2024 World Service Conference April 18-21, 2024

- ▶ The 2024 World Service Conference will be held in Virginia Beach, VA, from Thursday, April 18 through Sunday, April 21, 2024.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ I look forward to working with the SCWS Delegate who will represent us at the 2024 WSC!

SCWS Thought Force: Future of the Assembly

- ▶ Seven SCWS Al-Anon members, including three members of the SCWS Board, have been meeting to use Knowledge Based Decisionmaking (KBDM) to look at options for our Assemblies and other SCWS meetings as the pandemic wanes.
- ▶ We had no trouble looking at the pros and cons of an in-person Assembly and of an Assembly on Zoom. We decided it was impossible to do KBDM on the third option: A hybrid Assembly with both an in-person and a hybrid (virtual) component.
- ▶ We have asked our Area Chair to authorize us to become either a Task Force or a Work Group so that we can study how other areas do hybrid Assemblies—what works and what doesn't.

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- ▶ We will discuss with SCWS GRs at the November 18 Assembly the possibility of having the May 17, 2024 SCWS be a hybrid Assembly!
- ▶ We have 9 months to plan for this Assembly.

Questions

