




# Welcome June 2023 Area Assembly

Glad you are here!



Calm down  
and.....turn it over



# We made it to Virginia Beach together!

- One of us had a rougher ride than the other!





Founders Inn Virginia Beach





# God grant me the serenity

This was out the back door of the motel, and I could see it from my room window!





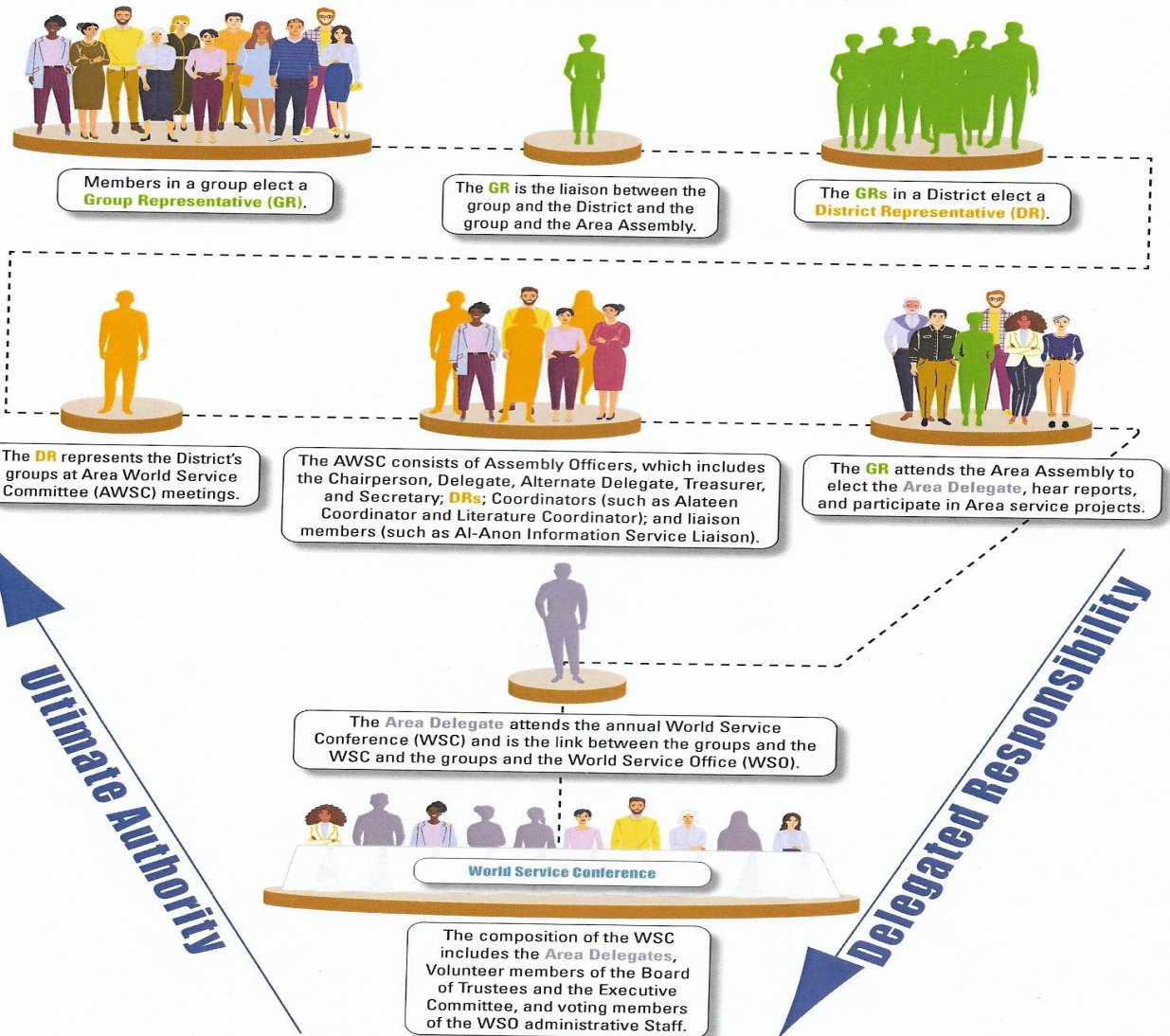
# DELEGATE REPORT

Area World Service  
Committee Meeting  
2023



# World Service Conference Structure

## World Service Conference Structure Graphic





...we are all trusted servants with responsibilities and the right to use our best judgement after consulting a Power greater than ourselves.

Paths to Recovery (B-24), p. 214





“The four  
business days  
of your Iowa  
Delegate” at  
the World  
Service  
Conference  
April 20-24<sup>th</sup>,  
2023

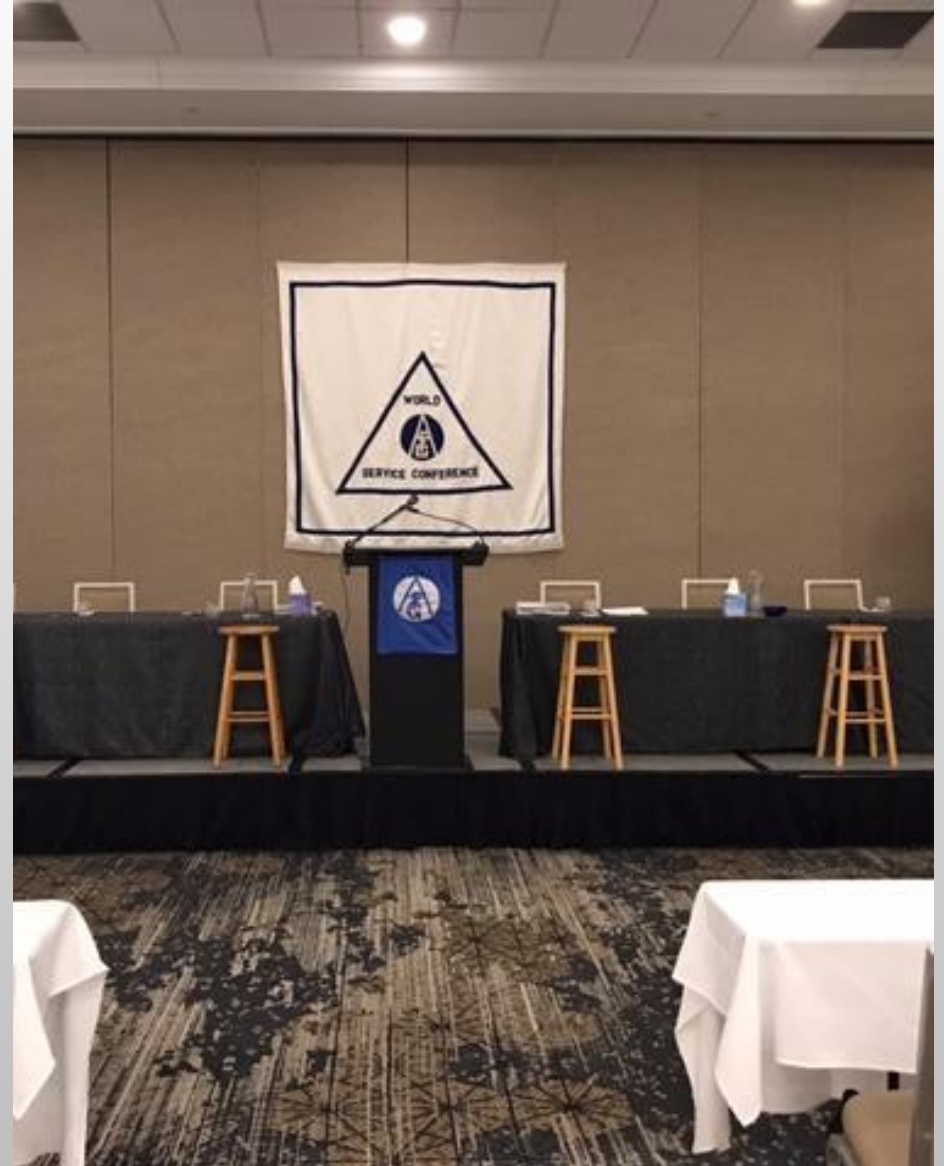




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**WSC** 63rd Annual  
World Service Conference 2023





# Where oh where does one sit?

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- There are 68 Areas in the World Service Structure, 10 in Canada, 57 in the US (including Puerto Rico) and the newest Area, the Global Electronic Area (GEA)
- This was the largest Conference to date, first time having only 4 days, and the first time having the Global Electronic Area!



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**IOWA, we are not unique in any way, shape or form. We have accomplished many things and we have many items that we still need to work on. Examples of some of the pros and cons:**

**Iowa has agreed to accept electronic meetings.**

**Our Policy & Procedures are up to date.**

**Our Alateen groups are struggling just like other Areas.**

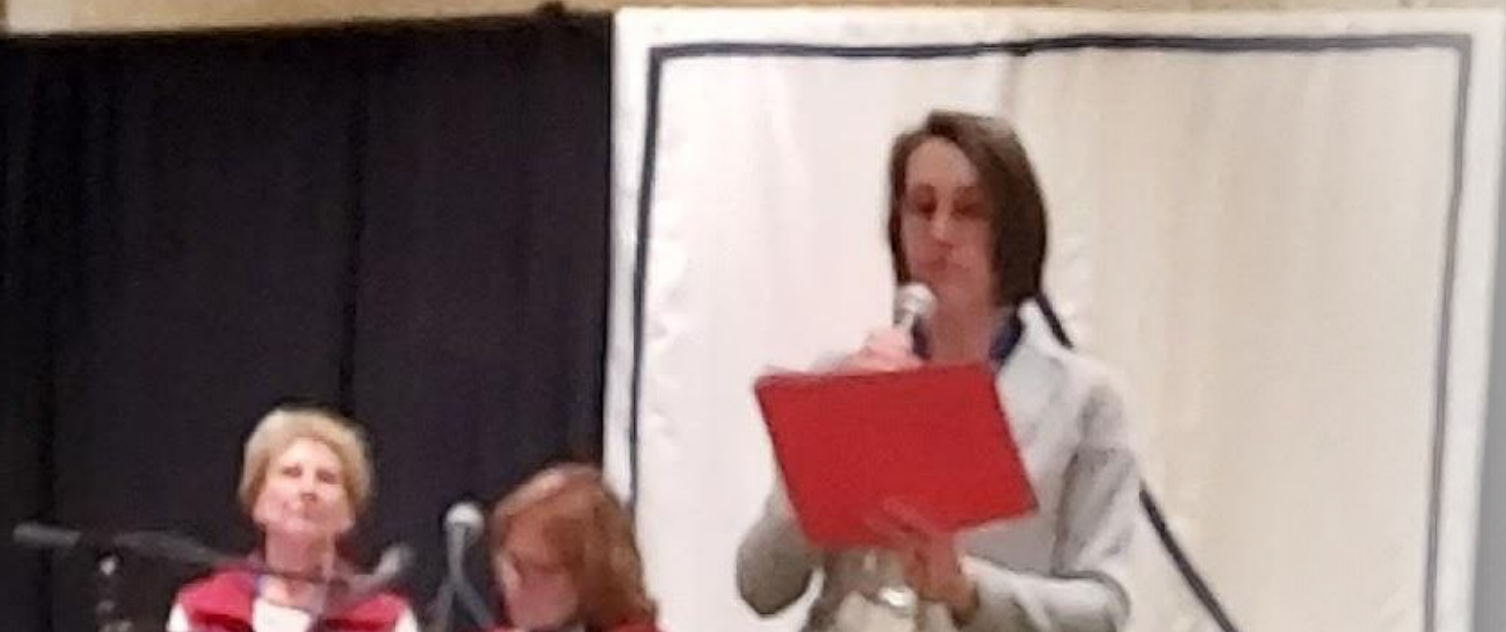
**Getting members to stand for service positions is difficult at all levels.**

**Iowa is very blessed to have many past delegates in our Area and they are willing to stay in service.**



# Proud Al-Anon member

•Britt Heidrun from Marquardt, Germany. Our International Representative sharing about Al-Anon in her country.



June 29-July 2, 2023





# Al-Anon International Convention Albuquerque, New Mexico

- **International Big Meeting**, including the Language of Love Parade (Friday morning)
  - **Family Big Meeting** (Saturday night)
  - **Spiritual Big Meeting** (Sunday morning)
- In-Person add-ons:
- **The Party in the Plaza** (Thursday night)—no cost
  - **Day of Connecting** (All day Thursday), Speakers and workshops celebrating service, the third leg in our recovery—\$55 US includes lunch.
  - **Trailblazers Breakfast on Route 66!** (Saturday morning), a Speaker meeting celebrating Trailblazers throughout Al-Anon's history including those still trailblazing today—\$75 US includes breakfast.



# Al-Anon World Service Office

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• I hope one day you too will have the opportunity to visit WSO. This is a place that fills me with joy and gratitude!



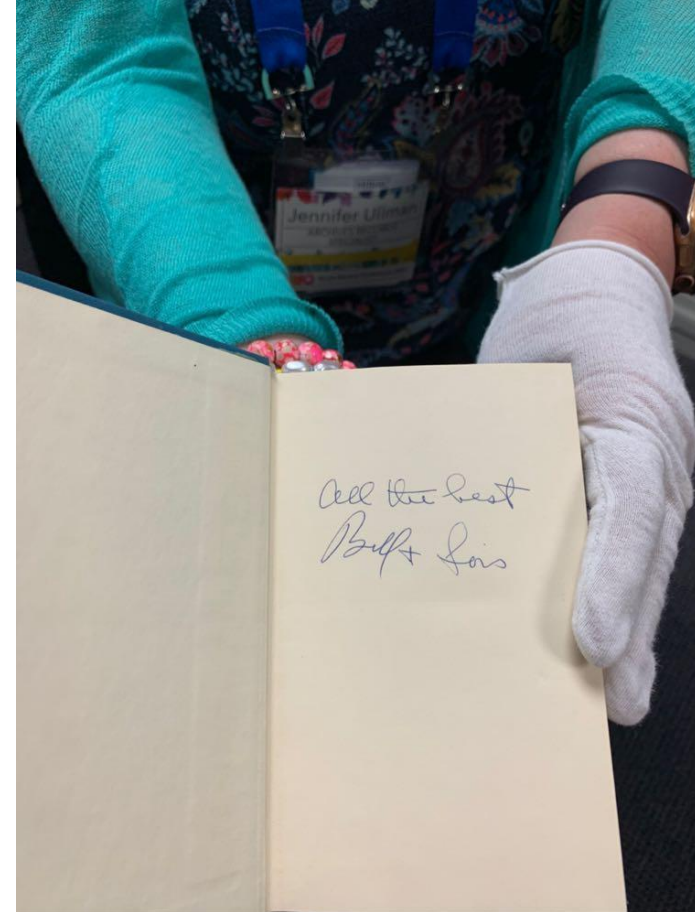




Welcome Home



# Archives



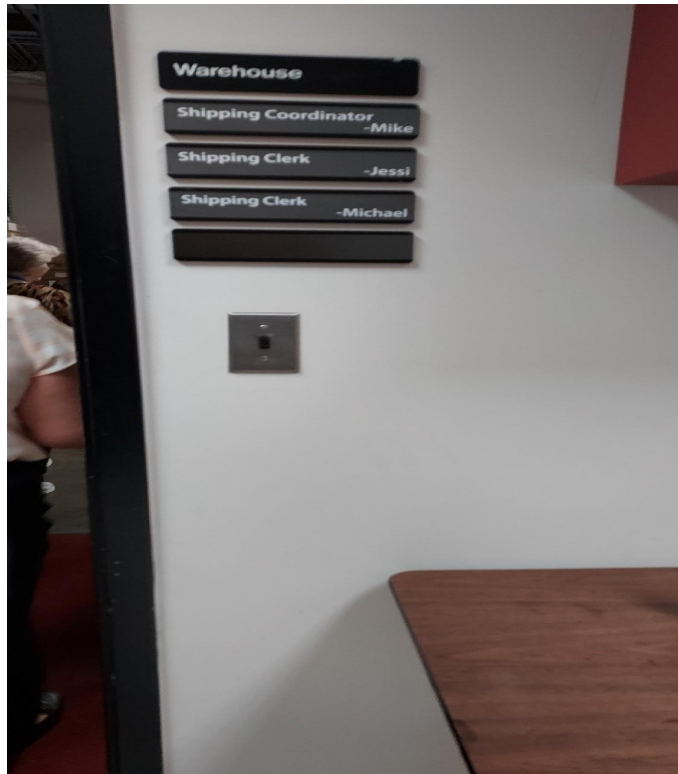


**How are your group archives being stored? How about your district archives?  
How about our Area archives?  
See there are chairs in there, I could have stayed longer!**



# Warehouse/Shipping

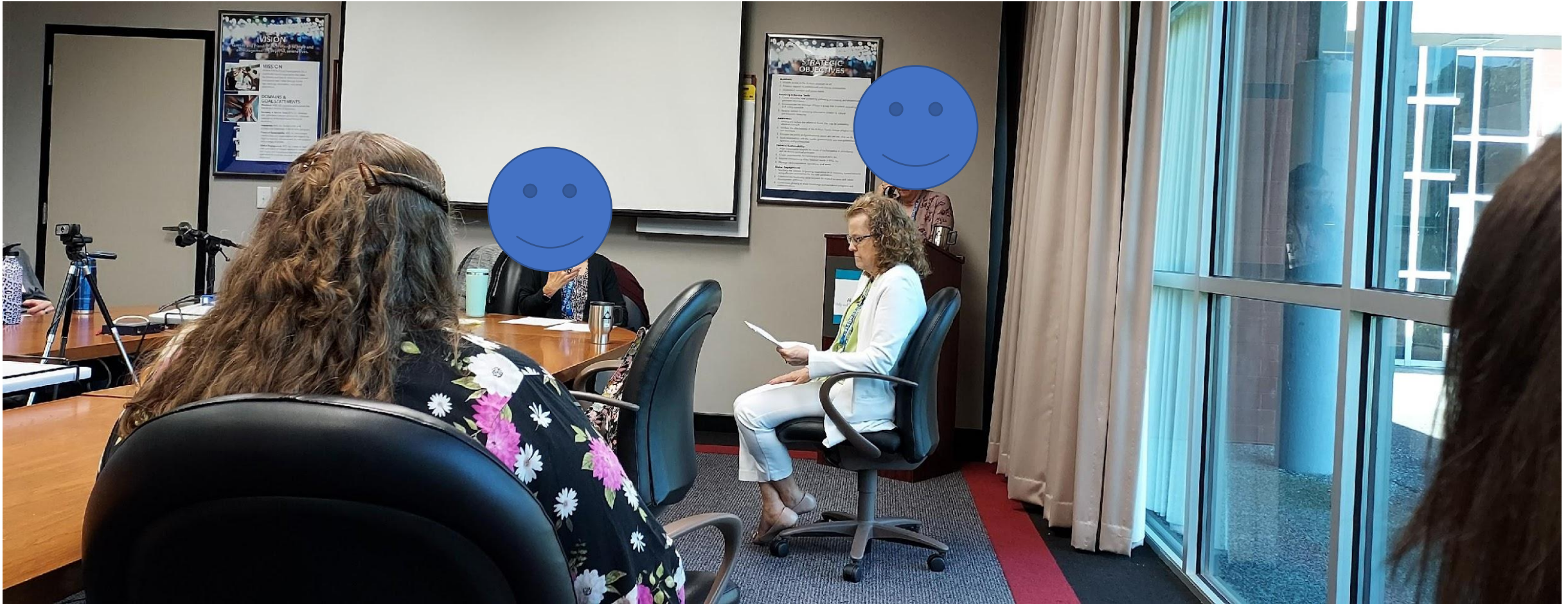
**Welcome to Mike's room!**



**Perhaps your order is among these boxes??**







# The Board Room

Skit presentation regarding  
Regional Trustees and  
Trustees At Large



# We all must return to our meetings

Becky, that includes you, they told  
you NO about staying in the  
Archives room!



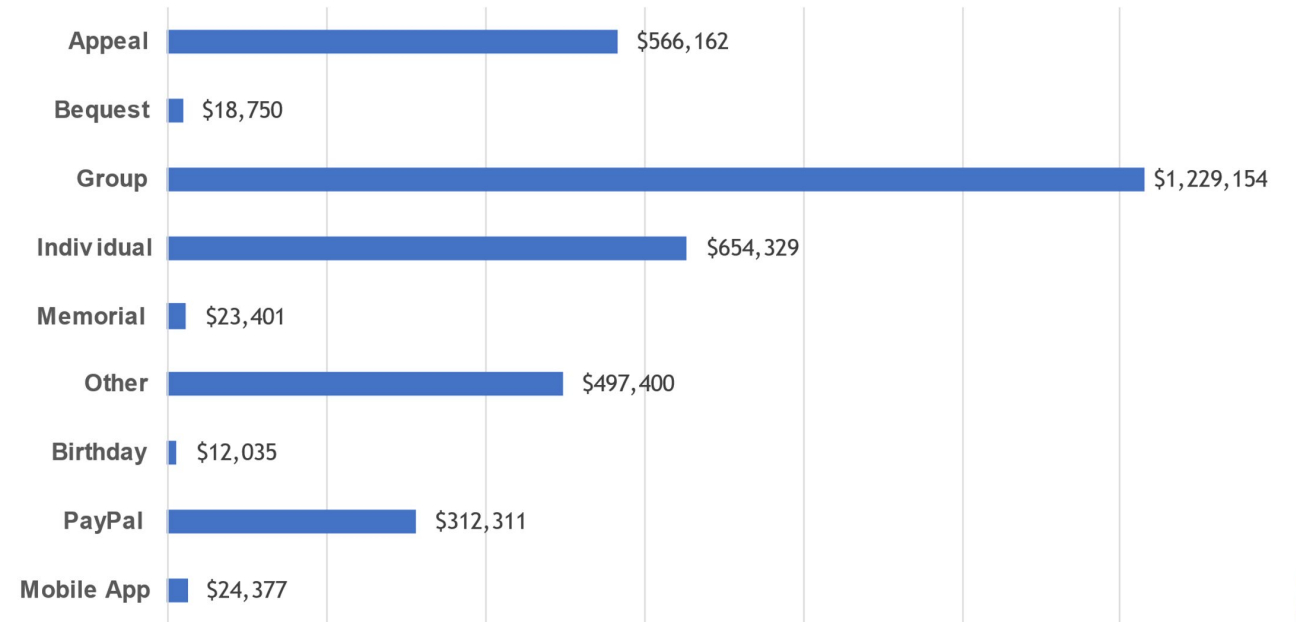


# 2022 Audit report

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- Audit conducted January 16, 2022 – January 20, 2023, and a clean opinion was issued with no findings. As of December 31, 2022, AFG had total assets of \$12,757,917 and total liabilities of \$1,850,252 = net assets of \$10,907,664 among the General, Reserve and Building funds.
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  - Highlights:
    - a. Operations General Fund expenses were \$5,729,985 and income were \$5,685,503 = \$44,482 decrease in net assets due to the decline in literature sales.
    - b. Literature sales were \$2,099,846 and contributions were \$3,337,918 (the most contributed ever in AFG's history).
    - c. The reserve fund net assets declined by \$1,333,861 due to a \$1,473,986 loss in investment earnings due to increases in inflation costs and interest rates.

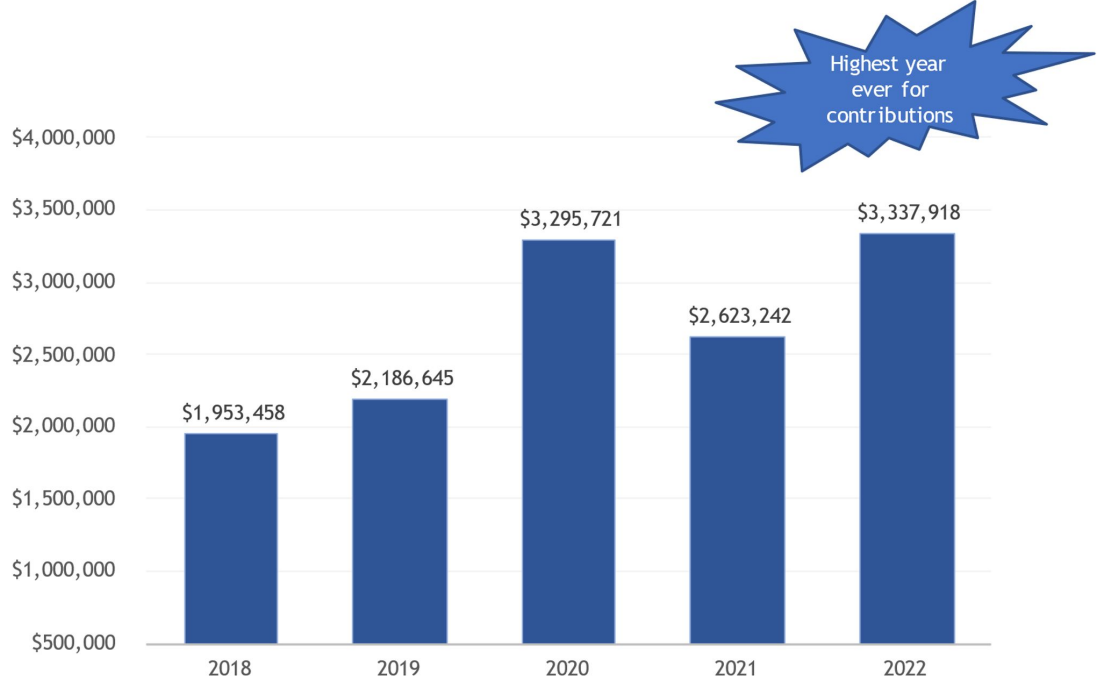
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Perhaps 2023 will be better!

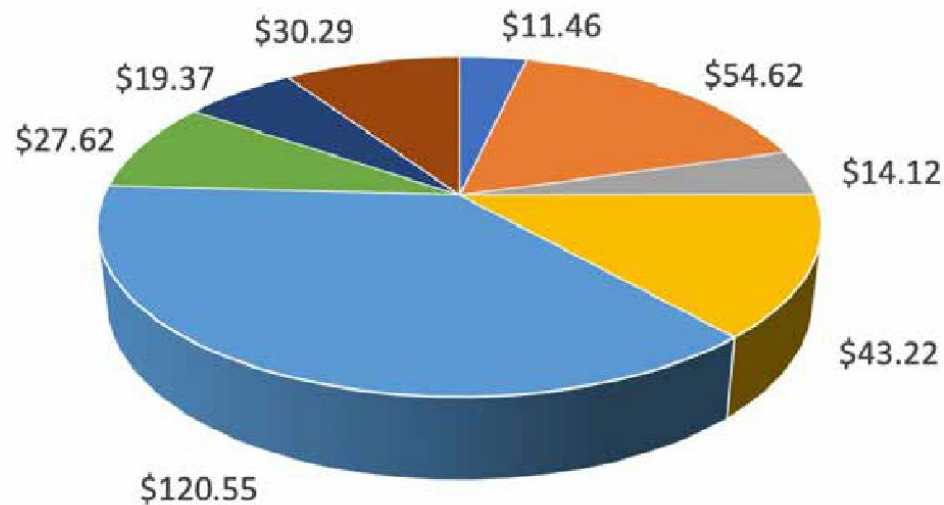
# Revenue/Expenses

Are your groups buying literature?  
Do you have a personal or group  
subscription of the Forum?

Revenue	2022	2021	\$ Change	% Change
Gross profit from literature sales	\$ 2,099,846	\$ 1,906,751	193,095	10%
Contributions	3,337,918	2,623,242	714,676	27%
Magazine sales	247,368	238,040	9,328	4%
Subscription income	48,174	33,328	14,846	45%
Noncash contributions	125,939	136,555	(10,616)	-8%
Investment income	(1,647,728)	2,062,376	(3,710,104)	-180%
	<u>\$ 4,211,517</u>	<u>\$ 7,000,292</u>	<u>(2,788,775)</u>	<u>-40%</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Program Services	\$ 3,333,424	\$ 2,752,049	581,375	21%
Literature distribution services	904,405	922,257	(17,852)	-2%
General administrative services	1,352,031	1,540,509	(188,478)	-12%
	<u>\$ 5,589,860</u>	<u>\$ 5,214,815</u>	<u>375,045</u>	<u>7%</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ (1,378,343)</u>	<u>\$ 1,785,477</u>	<u>407,134</u>	<u>23%</u>



### Cost of Services Per Group \$321.25



- Volunteer Oversight
- Brand Communications
- Community Awareness
- Conference & Events
- Group Services
- International Support
- Translation
- CAL & Magazine Editing

Iowa has 160 registered groups. We have an average of 64% of groups donating making the average of \$180.64 per year.

# Exciting news!! There is a new daily reader available! **“A Little Time for Myself”**



- Contact your local literature depot to get your new book!
- Des Moines Literature Depot  
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265  
939 Office Park Road, Suite 113  
(515) 277-5059
- Sioux City Literature Depot  
Sioux City, IA 51104  
St John Lutheran Church  
2801 Jackson St  
(712) 255-6724  
[afg.aiclit@yahoo.com](mailto:afg.aiclit@yahoo.com)





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# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

This is a topic that can be difficult and make some feel too uncomfortable to discuss

# International Coordination Committee.

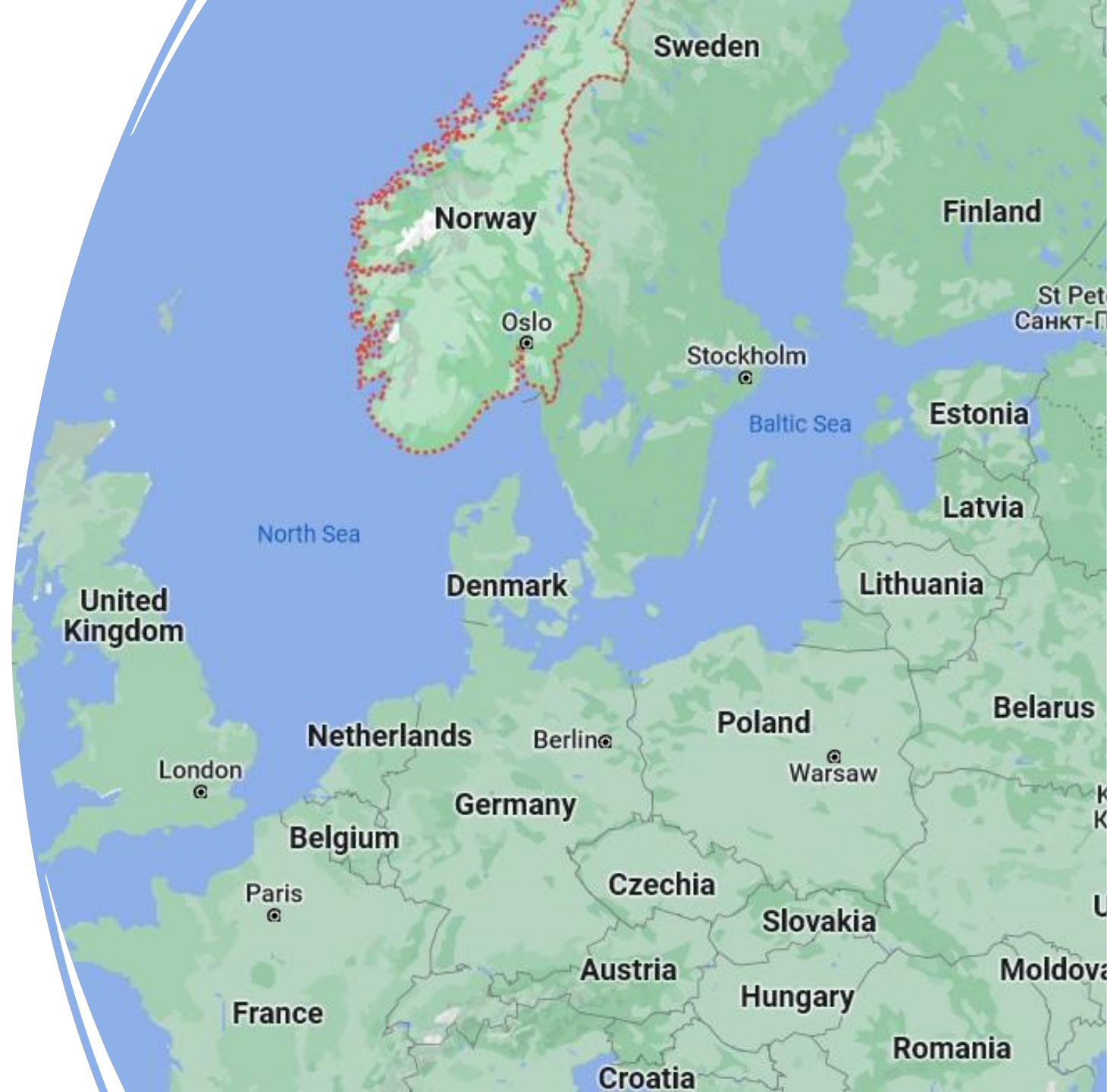
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# International Coordination Committee.

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Copyright  
and  
trademark  
issues





## AFG Copyright and Trademark Issues



- Al-Anon is the only organization with the legal right to print and publish Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and has the discretion to approve its use.

- Groups and other service areas can request permission to use it from the WSO.

- Trademarks include names, symbols and logos and if these are used by outside interest Al-Anon can be drawn into public controversy.

- Enforcement actions over unauthorized use eat up Al-Anon resources such as staff time and money.

- The WSO has hired a paralegal, Anne P. to assist them with legal issues.

# AFG Copyright and Trademark Issues (Cont'd)

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## Examples of Potential Violations:

1. Posting content of CAL on websites.
2. Unauthorized production or sale of CAL.
3. Unauthorized use of logos on social media.
4. Modification of the AFG logo in any way:

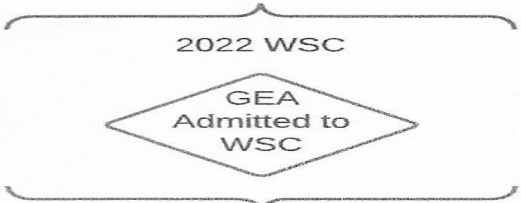
## Examples of traditional use of CAL and logo:

- 1. On Al-Anon event flyers.
- 2. Area social media pages.
- 3. The guidelines may be downloaded.

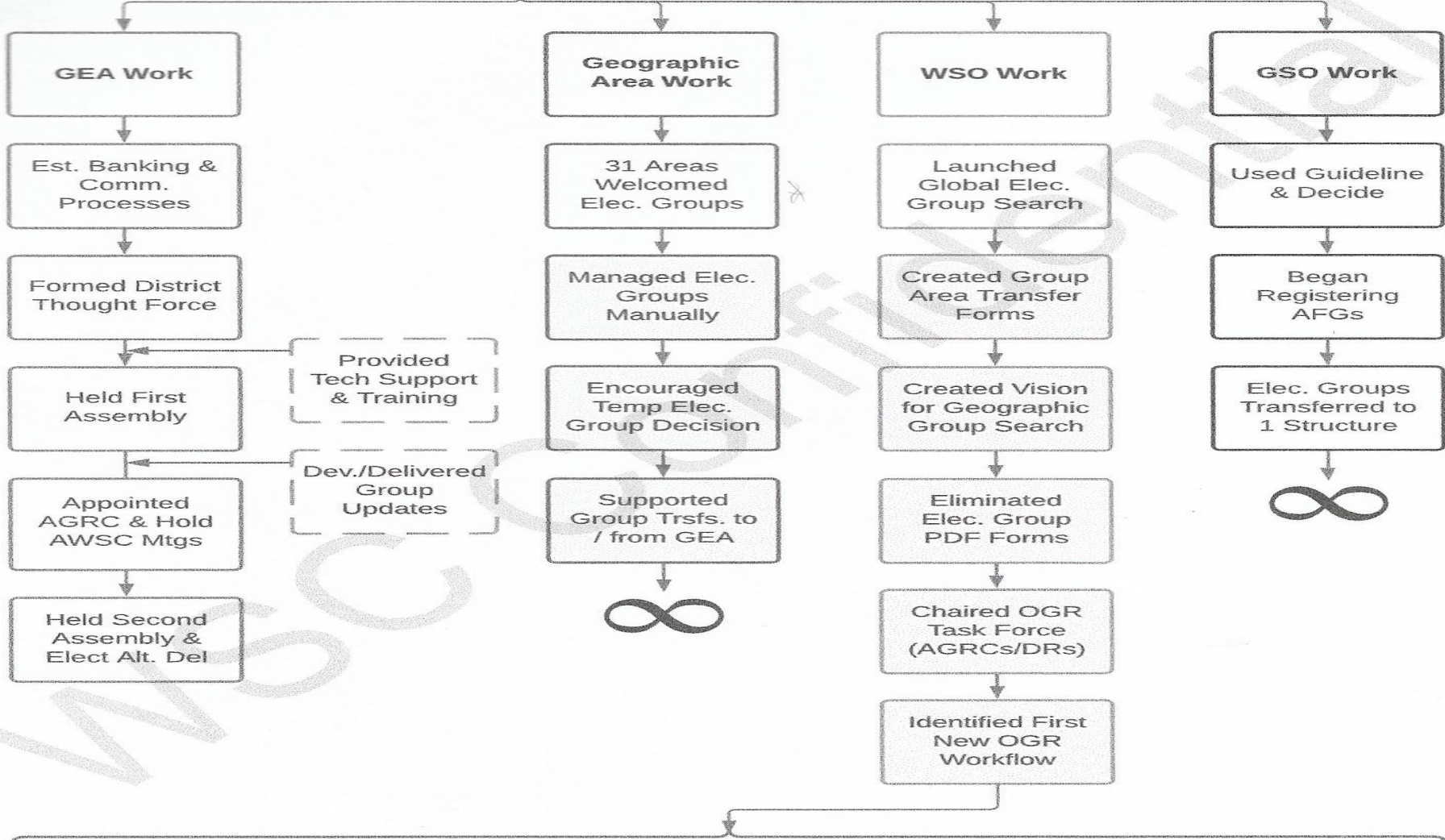


Transforming  
Electronic  
groups  
2022-2023 &  
beyond





**Transforming Electronic Groups - 2022-2023 and Beyond**







# Alateen Electronic Group Feasibility



Financial Feasibility of  
Continuing to Hold  
the WSC Triennially in  
New York/  
Connecticut



# Financial Feasibility to Continue Holding WSC Meetings Every Three-Years in NY/CT

- Issue – Holding conferences in New York is much more expensive than hosting them in Virginia Beach.
- Other possible options include holding the conference further away and taking a one-day bus trip there, virtual trips, or encouraging Delegates to visit on their own and ask the Areas to support the expense.
- All but one Delegate advocated for maintaining the triennial meeting in New York/Connecticut but all acknowledged the cost issue.

# Lights Out!

## Power is out!

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- Scot Powers posted this picture on Whova with this statement:
- “We all look wonderful tonight”
- What a guy!





Are you willing to  
be of service in  
Al-Anon?



How can we tap  
into the  
experience of our  
past Delegates?





Panel 63

- Service is the Key!



