### Delegate Report

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*Have you heard the news??? The 2024 World Service Conference Summary* is available to order from the <u>Online Bookstore</u> at <u>https://al-anon.org</u> Be sure to get your copy for \$5.00 or download for free. What a wonderful way to enjoy the information that took place at the WSC in Virginia Beach. I know I will need to review it to remember all the happenings!

## New CAL (Conference Approved Literature)

Look what else is new: Introducing our latest Conference Approved Literature (CAL), a 48-page booklet titled Healing within Our Alcoholic Relationships—A Collection of Insights from Our Shared Journey (P-95). This powerful collection shares brief nuggets of insight and inspiration mined from decades of member experience, adapted from The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage (B-4) and other Al-Anon literature on relationships. Ideal for newcomers or anyone who wants to get back to basics with some "Instant Al-Anon." Coming October 2024 to the Al-Anon Online Bookstore or a Literature Distribution Center near you! Available in English, Spanish, and French for the low price of \$4.

I find it so exciting when new literature comes out!

### **Al-Anon Electronic Literature**

Have you ever wanted some of our CAL (Conference Approved Literature) in electronic form? Here are some common questions **About Al-Anon Electronic Literature** 

Q: In what digital formats can I purchase Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL)?

**A:** Currently, some pieces of CAL are available as ebooks, audiobooks, or both.

Q: Which books are available as ebooks or audiobooks?

**A:** See the complete list of books available in digital formats by visiting the <u>Digital Products</u> page on Al-Anon's Online Bookstore. Audiobooks can be easily identified by the headphone icon.

Q: How can I be certain the book I'm purchasing will support Al-Anon?

**A:** Selecting a piece of CAL on the Digital Products page will provide information and links to the various online platforms where proceeds from CAL sales help support Al-Anon's mission.

### **Policy updates**

WSO is in the final stages of translating the Policy updates, designing the replacement pages, and updating the online *Service Manual* in English, French, and Spanish. They anticipate that v4 will be available in the next few weeks. The next printed copy of the *Service Manual* will be ready for purchase in January 2026; it will be dated: 2026-2029.

### **New Fax Number**

WSO has a new fax number, and I would like everyone to make note of it. Sometimes we need to send something to WSO, and a fax is the only method to do so. The fax number being phased out is: (757) 563-1656. Please update your records. **The fax number being kept is: (757) 563-1655** *To help with the WSO's efforts to communicate this change to the fellowship, we ask that you take a look at your Area websites, service tools, etc. to ensure the correct fax number is listed.* 

# **Equalized Expense**

The Finance Committee and Board of Trustees reviewed the costs of the 2025 World Service Conference (WSC). With the inclusion of both French and Spanish simultaneous interpretation per Motion 10 of the 2020 WSC, as well as the Stepping Stones visit on Monday, April 28, and after careful consideration, the Equalized Expense amount for the 2025 WSC has been set at **\$2,532.00** (US). The Full Amount for a Delegate to attend the 2025 WSC has been set at **\$3,617.71** (US). Last year, some Areas gave amounts greater than the Full Amount; many Areas contributed the Full Amount; some Areas contributed amounts between the Equalized Expense and the Full Amount; and other Areas gave the Equalized Expense to send their Delegate to the Conference.

A copy of this letter will be posted to the AFG Connects community for Area Treasurers, with a request to forward payment to the World Service Office (WSO) **as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2024**. This date allows the WSO to reimburse travel expenses to the Delegates in a timely manner. For an explanation regarding Equalized Expenses, see "How the Conference Is Financed," including "General Conference Expenses" and "Delegates' Equalized Expenses" on pages 168-169 of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27).

The 65th Annual World Service Conference is scheduled for Thursday, April 24 through Sunday, April 27, 2025, in Windsor, Connecticut. The Annual Open Board of Trustees Meetings will be held the afternoon of Sunday, April 27. Breakfast will be served on Monday, April 28, 2025, at the hotel prior to departures. Attendance at breakfast is not mandatory. The Stepping Stones visit will be on Monday, April 28.

# CAI (Chosen Agenda Items)

Submitting CAI (chosen agenda items) topics for discussion has been an important tradition of the Conference for many years. The purpose of the CAIs is to give *all* Conference members (Delegates, members of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, and voting members of the WSO administrative Staff) an opportunity to submit and select topics and issues of concern that affect Al-Anon groups and members worldwide. I have until Monday, February 17, 2025, to submit our topics through the survey. Please feel free to email with any topics.

# USNCRDM (US North Central Regional Delegate Meeting)

Another reminder that the USNCRDM is not far off. It will be upon us before we know it. Please put the following information on your calendar to save the date. I do not have any new information from Ohio regarding the RDM except, it probably will not be virtual this year. It will be March 14-15-16, 2025 at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center, 200 East Main Street, Findlay, Ohio 45840 (50 miles from the Toledo Airport --- about 90 minutes from the Detroit Airport)

Another date to be sure to have on your calendar is **"Language of the Heart**" at the A.A.'s 2025 International Convention with Al-Anon Participation. Registration opened Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup>. You'll need to register right away to secure downtown hotels. This event will take place in Vancouver, British Columba, Canada, July 3-6 to help celebrate A.A.'s 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! There will be Al-Anon daytime sessions on Friday and Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver Hotel. The sessions will include speaker meetings, service workshops, book studies, and panels on various topics. The links below will help and you may find more information in the August "In the Loop."

## Registration opens Tuesday, September 10, at 12 pm EDT online at

<u>https://www.aa.org/international-convention</u> Members wishing to book a hotel room from the block reserved for the International Convention must complete registration first. <u>View the Frequently Asked</u> <u>Questions.</u> Arrive early or stay late; see what the city of Vancouver has to offer by visiting <u>destinationvancouver.com</u>

There are times I think there is not much going on at WSO, however, when it come time to do my Delegate report, I find many things going on. I hope all our Iowa groups are sending donations to WSO, our Area and to their districts. No matter the amount of the donation, it all helps!

Thank you all for your service in our program and I am glad you all are here!

Becky V.

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