

Delegate Report

March 8, 2026

March AWSC - Marshalltown

Good morning,

I attended the Chairperson of the Board (COB) Presentation on February 14th. Immediately following the presentation there was a breakout session Q&A with an assigned trustee. My assigned trustee was Cindy M but, in her absence, Kathi M. the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees facilitated the session. It was highly informative as there were a mix of different panel delegates in the same session. Now on to updates...

During the January meeting, the Board continued their sentence-by-sentence review of the AI-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. Bylaws. The Board reviews this for the same reasons that Iowa AFG, does: to strengthen the understanding of responsibilities and capture suggestions for future consideration. During this reading, the Board reached a consensus to direct Staff, in collaboration with experienced WSO Volunteers, to evaluate and revise the WSO Committee At Large member resume, with special attention to the Requirements and Criteria sections. A revised application and appointment timeline will be brought forward by the Executive Committee for Board consideration at the July meeting.

The Board also approved a Preliminary Operating Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. In addition, a motion was approved to Publish the 2026-2029 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual in eBook format, consistent with the previously approved eBooks Global Strategy.

The Board approved the 2026 WSO Projects Landscape as the priority framework for guiding WSO planning, resource allocation, and execution. Many strategies were carried forward from 2025 including the before mentioned eBooks Globally, new Service Manual, Refresh of AFA, Branding Guidelines for Trusted Servants, Website Redesign and 75th Anniversary Event and Public Outreach Campaign. Due to resource capacity only 1 new Strategy was approved for 2026: SharePoint Implementation Feasibility.

Looking ahead there is a lot of focus on the 75th Anniversary celebration which includes WSO Open House and Gala Banquet. While the banquet was sold out, a waitlist was established and began on February 11th. As seats become available, individuals on the waitlist will be contacted in the order they signed up and will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets. Those contacted will need to complete their ticket purchase no later than April 3rd, 2026. Please remember that joining the waitlist does not guarantee a seat, it only offers a fair and organized way to be considered for any open spots.

The Board also reached a consensus to make incremental updates to the Road Trip! You and the Board Connect agenda, focusing on increased interaction, personal sharing, and engagement. The 2026 October Board week and Road Trip! Event will be held in Chicago, Illinois, October 19 – 24,

2026. The Board thoughtfully considered several members' requests to introduce a hybrid component to the Road Trip! Event. The Board drew upon best practice insight from event planners, who informed Trustees that creating an engaging hybrid experience would, in effect, require developing two nearly independent programs. This approach would significantly increase the workload and detract from the spirit of the in-person connection that Road Trip! was envisioned to foster. The Board is open to exploring additional virtual opportunities to strengthen the connection with WSC Structure fellowship in the future.

Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update

CLT has various topics on the WSC agenda, including "Choosing a Group's Name" Policy Implementation, Single Trustee Process, and Alateen electronic Validation & Implementation Planning. Also on the WSC Agenda is a visit to the World Service Office, during which an AI-Anon meeting will be held. 😊

After polling the Conference members, the consensus was reached to hold the Affirmation Process virtually in advance of WSC. Affirmation will be on Saturday, March 28, from 1:00pm – 5:00pm ET. I have this on my calendar, think my home group will change the meeting time to meet my schedule? lol

Finance Update

Revenue consists mainly of literature sales and contributions. Literature sales for December were \$183,797, which was below budget, while contributions for December were significantly above budget at \$448,795. Expenses for December were \$572,932. Investments had a very favorable return in December due to market conditions, bringing the 2025 gain in the reserve fund to \$1,059,565. Overall, in 2025 the change in net assets, revenues less expenses, resulted in an operating surplus of \$132,011. As noted in the 2025 YE chart below, this exceeded the budgeted amount. This was due to the increased contributions received throughout the year, particularly several substantial bequests. It is important to note that without those bequests, our revenue would have been less than expenses, resulting in a deficit.

	Actuals	Revised Budget
Revenue		
Literature Sales - net	\$2,343,504	\$2,480,776
Contributions	\$3,571,021	\$2,900,000
Other Income	\$713,620	\$763,500
Total Revenue	\$6,628,145	\$6,144,276
Total Expenses	\$6,496,134	\$6,315,075
Change in Net Assets: Net Increase/(Decrease)	\$132,011	\$(170,800)

Policy Committee Updates

The Policy Committee is hard at work on several topics. There is a current thought force on Interim Policies and Policy Revision Process. I'm interested to hear more on this at WSC.

There is a lot of discussion on the "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Polices" changes necessary to support Alateen Groups meeting electronically. This has been a Strategic Plan Strategy of the Board of Trustees since 2020. The committee carried a motion to separate Alateen procedures from Alateen Policy in the Service Manual. Their revision will be brought to the WSC for approval.

Choosing a Group's Name Policy Implementation is big discussion with the Policy Committee. I was not given details on this, just that it will be discussed at WSC.

In 2025, as part of the Branding Guideline for Trusted Servants Strategy, a third party reviewed the Al-Anon brand assets, including the trademarked name, logo, and tagline. The vendor suggested adopting a shorter tagline for memorability, clarity, versatility, impact and differentiation. The Policy discussion was centered around our current tagline of "Help and Hope for families and friends of alcoholics". Consensus was reached to direct Staff to consider alternatives for an updated tagline based on the Policy Committee's feedback.

In closing, I thought this report was going to be 4 pages until I changed my margins. 😊 I have booked my flight to Newport News, VA, and bought a new dress for the 75th Gala Banquet. Most importantly, I am honored to be a small part of the 66th WSC. Send me all your prayers and positive vibes for uneventful travel plans.

In love and service,

Michelle K.

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