Delegate Report
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August AWSC - Marshalltown

Hello all,

I thought things would slow down a bit after giving the report on the Conference, let's all have little laugh about that thought. In this report, I want to share some updates and touch on a couple items there wasn't time to share on the June Assembly.

If you haven't heard yet, Conference members confirmed a new Regional Trustee for our US North Central Region. It is Miriam B. a past Delegate from Indiana – Panel 58. Some of you met her at the RDM this year. We wish her well and I'm sure we will be seeing more of her.

I would like to share an annual solicitation from the Executive Director, Vali F., to identify and encourage qualified members to consider service at the World Service Office (WSO) level. Each year three Trustee at Large (TAL) positions become available. You can find an application for Trustee At Large here. Another opportunity to serve the fellowship is on the Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM). Members with experience or interest in finance, accounting, law, business administration, technology, or property management may find this service especially rewarding, however, specialized experience is not required. You can find an application for ECRPM here. The deadline for applications for either of these service positions is August 15, 2026. So, time is running out quickly!

The 67th Annual World Service Conference will be held April 13 – 17, 2027 at the Marriott Newport News City Center in Newport News, VA. Which if you check the calendar is a Tuesday – Sunday. The full cost for the delegate to attend the 2027 WSC is $3,300. The equalized expense represents 70% of the full cost, which is $2,310. We will be sure to add this to the Agenda in October as WSO would like to receive the payment by December 31, 2026.

Speaking of WSC, the Highlights of the 66th Annual Conference are now available on WSO's website or by clicking here: 2026 WSC Highlights The electronic version of the full Conference Summary (P-46) was slated for release in early September, with the print version available for sale approximately 5 weeks after.

One item that I didn't have time to discuss in June is the Passing It On Task Force. This special project is being funded from our Reserve Fund surplus. The objective is to capture the experience, strength and hope of past and present service volunteers to expand recovery and inspire current and future trusted servants through presentations and other support materials. The update shared by the Director of Programs at the 2026 WSC, asked Delegates to inform members of upcoming opportunities to become content developers. Content developers will help create module syllabus to inform and empower future volunteers by passing existing service experience/knowledge on. Imagine stepping into a new role with the knowledge of those who have gone before you. There will

be an application process for content developers. I will share more information on this process when it becomes available. At the breakout session after the COB letter presentation yesterday, I was told that this was worked on during July board week and we should hear more in September, with a finished project unveiling at the 2028 International.

Have you been to the WSO Online Store recently? I encourage you to look at all the new eBooks that are available now. Imagine having all your books in the palm of your hand, ready at a moment's notice? I know I have many of them in the kindle app on my phone for those times when I don't have a hard copy of my CAL with me.

I am still looking for someone to fill the Public Outreach Coordinator position. I appreciate all of you who have responded to me with suggestions. While trying to fill this position, I have learned a lot through conversation with past and current Coordinators/DR's. I have thoroughly enjoyed speaking with Iowa Al-Anon members, even those who said no. I hope that perhaps a seed has been planted for the elections in October 2028.

Speaking of Public Outreach, if you've tried to order Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism recently, you may have noticed that it is currently out of stock. The new AFA's should be available for purchase in September. The 25-page magazine will feature basic information about Al-Anon Family Groups such as who we are, what we are and where to find us. There will be ten-member shares from our worldwide fellowship, reflecting diverse experiences and perspectives along with 3 articles from professionals who recommend Al-Anon in their work with alcoholics and their families. As in previous issues, the new issue will contain Alateen testimonials as well. The new AFA's will also come with a new price tag. It will be $12 dollars per bundle of 25 copies, plus shipping.

I attended the COB Letter presentation yesterday afternoon and have some updates to share from Board week in July where they welcomed seven new Trustees and one new Executive Committee At-Large member. They will continue the mentorship program to support these new Volunteers as they become more familiar with their roles.

Some quick updates to share:

EFWG Envisioned Future Work Group discussed use of the clinical term "Alcohol Use Disorder" (AUD) when dealing with outside professionals, as this is the term this is being used now. The Board supported this initiative when speaking individually with therapists and other professionals or defining key works for the website, while remaining true to Al-Anon's spiritual identity and longstanding language in our published materials.

The board approved two special projects from the Reserve Fund. One is for full SharePoint implementation to improve document management and sharing. The second is a project for enhanced human resources support, including assistance with performance management and employee development and retentions.

The process for Trustee participation in Regional Delegate Meetings (RDM) was clarified. Going forward, RDM's will follow the same invitation process used by Areas and other service arms when

requesting Trustee participation by using the form available on AFG Connects. This change supports consistency and reinforces that Trustees serve the entire fellowship rather than a single Region.

The Finance Committee revised the 2026 Budget and the Board approved it. This happens occasionally when comparing YTD actuals (through June 30th) to previous budget numbers. This revision is largely due to a significant decrease in literature sales (8% decrease) and contributions. The reason there is no change to contributions on the budget revision is due to YTD bequests of $667,416. The overall budget change takes us from an income of $15,110, to a deficit of ($358,390). Below is a graph of the revised 2026 WSO Budget:

	Original	Revised
Revenue		
Literature Sales - net	$2,475,000	$2,140,490
Contributions	$3,431,520	$3,431,520
Other Income	$773,600	$753,600
Total Revenue	$6.680,120	$6,325,610
Total Expenses	$6,665,009	$6,684,000
Change in Net Assets: Net Increase/(Decrease)	$15,110	$(358,390)

On deck for me is a CCT training meeting on August 14th.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions at iowadelegatep66@iowa-al-anon.org.

With gratitude,

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