

Delegate Report

October 17, 2026
Fall Assembly – Cedar Falls

Happy Fall, Y'all!

I am coming off an extremely busy September filled with a whole lot of service—and even more love for our program. And speaking of love for our program...Y'all were SO inspiring at Serenity Weekend! What an incredible reminder of what happens when we come together, share our experience, strength, and hope, and simply enjoy being of service to one another.

So, grab your favorite fall beverage, and let's catch up on what's happening around our Al-Anon world!

First, Let's Revisit a Few Things...

WSO Volunteer Applications

Let's start with an update on the annual solicitation for World Service Office (WSO) volunteers from the Executive Director that I shared in my last report.

The Conference Committee on Trustees (CCT) received Trustee at Large (TAL) applications and Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM) applications on September 4.

Each CCT member is asked to read the applications, ask their Higher Power for guidance, and then score the responses.

The ECRPM applications are scored on a 1–10 scale and entered into a spreadsheet. The TAL application questions are scored on a 1–5 scale and entered into a JotForm that goes directly to WSO.

And here is the part I love: the only discussions are between each committee member and their Higher Power. No comparing notes. No lobbying. No “What did you give this one?” Just each person, their Higher Power, and their best effort to listen.

CCT members must complete the process by September 30, 2026. The Nominating Committee then scores the applications and brings its recommendations to the Board during its October meeting.

In early November, CCT members will learn the names and have an opportunity to register any objections by December 15. Affirmations will be held virtually on April 3, 2027.

And no, you probably don't need to know every one of these details—but I'm just a nerd-in-learning who finds this whole process fascinating! 😊

The Conference Summary Is Coming...Eventually! **HERE!**

The release of the Conference Summary was pushed back many times, but it is finally here.

The electronic version of the full Conference Summary (P-46) was released on Monday (October 12th). The print version *should be* available for sale in approximately five weeks. (2nd week in November)

I'm hoping to have the summary available in the Delegate Corner on our website. You can view/download it on WSO's website or by clicking here: [2026 World Conference Summary](#)

Looking Ahead to the 2027 World Service Conference

I will be attending the 67th Annual World Service Conference, April 13–17, 2027, at the Marriott Newport News City Center in Newport News, Virginia.

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'll be discussing this a little later today.

Passing It On...Literally!

I have a very exciting update on the Passing It On Task Force!

If you remember from my last report, this special project is being funded by our Reserve Fund surplus.

Over the years, members have recognized the important connection between recovery and service, and how knowledge is passed from one generation of trusted servants to the next.

The objective of this project is to create a service tool that explores the spiritual principles that support service while providing practical information and resources to help strengthen and preserve Al-Anon service wisdom worldwide.

And now they need you!

To develop this service tool, the Task Force is seeking members who are willing to share the experience and knowledge they have gained through service as Passing It On Content Developers.

If you have grown spiritually through Al-Anon service and would like to help preserve and share what you have learned, I invite you to consider applying to become a volunteer content developer.

Applications are being accepted from **October 1 through November 15, 2026**. You can fill out an application by clicking [Passing It On Content Developer Application](#).

The application is a JotForm with 13 categories. You'll be asked to review the categories and indicate, in order of preference, up to four topics you would like to write about.

And what are these fascinating categories?

- Spiritual Principles
- Resources
- Structure
- Alateen
- Developing Skills
- Communication
- Leadership
- Public Outreach
- Documentation

- Recovery in Service
- Sponsorship
- Future Leaders
- And the ever-popular Legal

The content development period will run from January 1 through June 15, 2027.

Being new to my current role, I already know of many wise Iowa trusted servants who would absolutely rock this role because so many of you have helped me tremendously along the way!

The final finished product will be unveiled at 2028 International in Minneapolis.

What an amazing opportunity to make sure the wisdom we've gained through service doesn't simply disappear when our service position ends. We really are passing it on.

Your Voice Matters: Chosen Agenda Items!

Here's another opportunity to help shape the conversations happening at the World Service Conference!

What's on your mind? Chosen Agenda Items (CAIs) give Conference members—including Delegates, members of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, and voting members of WSO administrative staff—a chance to suggest and select topics that affect Al-Anon groups and members worldwide.

For the 2027 World Service Conference, Conference members are invited to submit up to two Chosen Agenda Items by February 15, 2027.

Have a topic you think deserves a deeper conversation? Each submission can be up to 100 words: 25 words or less to name your topic and up to 75 words to explain why it matters. The goal is to identify issues that could benefit from thoughtful discussion and help our worldwide fellowship. Please send me your idea, in the format above, **no later than January 31st, 2027.**

After submissions close, similar topics will be combined, and Conference members will vote for the topics they most want to discuss. The two topics receiving the most votes will each receive 45 minutes of discussion during the General Session at the 2027 WSC. Voting results will be shared so Conference members can come prepared.

So, Iowa, start thinking! What questions, challenges, or opportunities do you believe deserve more attention in our fellowship? Your ideas could help spark a conversation that benefits Al-Anon members around the world!

Curious about topics discussed at past Conferences? Check out the [Index of Chosen Agenda Items dating back to 1976.](#)

Now, On to Some Recent News!

We Have a New Public Outreach Coordinator!

If you didn't get or read the email I sent on August 20th—GREAT NEWS!

We have a new Public Outreach Coordinator!

Please join me in welcoming our own Katy P., Past Delegate, Panel 60.

Katy has brought light, love, and a contagious excitement for our program to all of her service roles. I am so excited to see where she takes this next chapter of service.

Please congratulate Katy on her new role and join me in wishing her all the best.

Katy, we look forward to seeing you shine as our Public Outreach Coordinator! ✨

Recent WSO Updates

The World Service Office's Trilingual Annual Report, available in English, Spanish, and French, is now available on the WSO website.

WSO is also seeking freelance translators/copy editors who are fluent in Spanish and French.

These are independent contractor positions. The selected individuals will provide services on a contractual basis and will not be considered employees of the organization.

You can view the full job descriptions [here](#).

And yes—dual members are eligible for these positions.

What's Coming Up?

On deck for me in November is the reading of the Chairperson of the Board (COB) letter, along with updates from the Policy Committee, Finance Committee, and Conference Leadership Team (CLT).

The reading will be held virtually on Saturday, November 7th.

So, stay tuned! There is always something happening in our Al-Anon world.

As Always...

Please feel free to reach out with any questions (my email is below). I love hearing from you and am grateful for the opportunity to serve Iowa as your Delegate.

Thank you for allowing me to learn, grow, listen to my Higher Power, and occasionally geek out over the fascinating world of Al-Anon service!

With gratitude,

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