

**Delegate's Report  
Florida North Area - Panel 61  
2022 June Assembly  
June 24-26, 2022**



**62<sup>nd</sup> Annual World Service Conference: April 26 – 30, 2022 in Tarrytown, NY**

Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding  
Enriquecer nuestra recuperación a través de la abundancia, unidad y comprensión  
Enrichir notre rétablissement par l'abondance, l'unité et la compréhension

What an experience this year has been for my recovery and also for my spiritual growth. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to participate in the 62nd World Service Conference, in person, in Tarrytown, New York. Meeting in person all my fellow Delegates, the Trustees and all the WSO staff gave me the experience to understand how this program is a fellowship of members with only one purpose, to help family and friends of alcoholics, practicing all the spiritual principles of the program and serving Al-Anon as a whole.



On Thursday, during the week of the Conference, members and guests went on a field trip to Stepping Stones, where we were able to visit Bill W. and Lois W.'s home, in Bedford Hills, NY.

That field trip was a great opportunity for all of us to share time in an informal environment. We laugh and took many silly photos, in addition to the ones taken of this historic place.

**The following are the Motions presented during the 2022 World Service Conference:**

**At the 2022 WSC there were 87 voting members - 1) 66 Delegates (68 areas, but 2 were absent), 2) 11 Trustees, 3) 3 At-Large members of the Executive Committee, and 4) 7 WSO staff. Although the WSC was in person, technology was used to count the votes. They used an application (voxxvote) that we all downloaded on our electronic devices. Even though it took a few tests, it was very efficient.**

**MOTION #1 – (84 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions, 0 voids) – CARRIED**

To admit the Non-Panel Global Electronic Area to the World Service Conference (WSC) Structure, whereby the Area's elected Delegate will serve as a voting member of the 2022 WSC as a member of Panel 62.

**MOTION #2 – (86 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 0 voids) – CARRIED**

That the following persons be seated at the 2022 World Service Conference. **With voice, but no vote:**

Niketa W. Director of Finance & Operations Non-Al-Anon Member Scot P. Associate Director—Brand Communications Al-Anon Member **With voice limited to ECRPM business, but no vote:** Elizabeth (Liz) D. Chairperson, ECRPM Al-Anon Member

**MOTION #3 – (85 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention, 1 void) – CARRIED**

To approve the 2021 Audited Financial Report

**MOTION #4 – (86 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention, 0 voids) – CARRIED**

To approve the 2022 Finance Committee Report

**MOTION #5 – (80 yes, 5 no, 0 abstentions, 2 voids) – CARRIED**

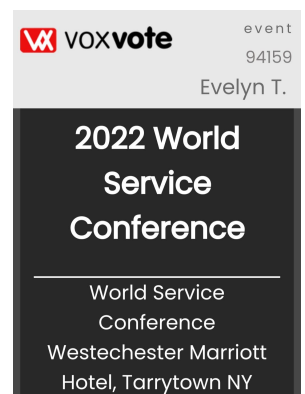
To amend the Al-Anon World Service Conference Charter as identified in the track changes document as amended and posted to the WSC Members at 7:00 pm on April 29, 2022.

**MOTION #6 – (86 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 0 voids) – CARRIED**

To approve the 2021 Annual Report.

**MOTION #7 – (86 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention, 0 voids) – CARRIED**

To amend the "Social Networking" section on page 127 of the "Public Outreach" section of the "Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies" section of the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) v1 as amended to reflect World Service Conference members' feedback.



**2021 Audit Report** The WSO received the highest rating possible from an independent auditor, a **clean** opinion. Contributions in 2021 totaled \$2,623,242 which is down 20% from 2020. Literature sales in 2021 totaled \$2,389,064 which is up 3% from 2020.

**2022 Budget Report** The WSO projects a budget deficit of \$353,114. Total Estimated Revenue \$5,460,061. Total Estimated Expense \$5,813,175 Consistent contributions are still needed to maintain consistent revenue and thus services in 2022. Literature sales are projected to remain below historic levels as groups begin to return to a physical meeting format. The AFG treasurer will be sending out a special appeal letter after the next quarterly appeal letter.

**International Coordination Committee (ICC)** Formed in 1978 to serve as an advisory committee to the BOT. The next International AI-Anon General Service Meeting (IAGSM) will be held in London, Oct 12-15 hosted by the UK & Eire Structure. Theme: Connecting Hearts and Minds Around the World.

International growth includes new service arm registrations in Russia and Kazakhstan. New and renewed contacts include Dominican Republic, Israel, Hong Kong, Antarctica, Cuba, Greece, and Norway.

**Chosen Agenda Items:** #1 Rebuilding Alateen after the pandemic. #2 What are the advantages/disadvantages of having both Regional and At Large Trustees?

There was a great discussion on these 2 Items, but what impressed me the most during these discussions is the unity and mutual respect. The discussions took place in an environment that showed many of the spiritual principles of AI-Anon.

**Alateen Electronic Group Feasibility** What do we hope to learn? What are the current realities of physical vs. electronic Alateen meetings? What are the legal implications? The Electronic Alateen Work Group will continue its research this year and report back at the 2023 WSC.

**Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect** Cleveland, OH on Saturday, October 29, 2022. They are taking bids from different areas for the 2023 Road Trip. The Team event... No more.

**During Conference, we received the resume submitted by members for the following positions and we voted to elect them. Thank you for being willing to serve:**

**Regional Trustees Affirmations:** Jean L. Northcentral, Sally K. Canada West

**Trustee at Large Affirmations:** Penni K. (Montana), Ann Marie Z. (New Jersey)

**Board Officers Affirmations:** Lynette K. (S. Dakota) Chairperson, Jean L. (Iowa) Vice Chairperson, Cindy M. (Arizona) Treasurer

**Executive Committee Affirmations:** David B. (Illinois) Chairperson, Jeffrey F. Member-At-Large, Carol M. Member-At-Large

**Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM) Affirmations** Elizabeth D. (S. Dakota) Chairperson

#### **Important Conference Documents:**

The following reports can be found on the Area 9 Delegate's page, *El Gazette Online*. Here are the links so you can read them.

##### **April 2022 Chairperson of the Board Letter**

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##### **April 2022 Chairperson of the Board Letter (Español)**

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##### **Finance Update April 2022**

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##### **Policy Committee Update April 2022**

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##### **Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update April 2022**

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**Love Gifts** Thank you to the Districts and members who sent love gifts. I shared them with the WSC members and they were very grateful. Thank you! I requested a Delegate's table for our June Assembly where I will share some of the gifts with all Area 9 members in attendance.

#### **World Service Conference Site (2023) Announcement**

The dates selected for the 2023 World Service Conference are Thursday, April 20 through Sunday, April 23, 2023. Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, April 19, and depart on Monday, April 24. The Conference will be held at The Founders Inn, Virginia Beach, VA, and the field trip will be a visit to the World Service Office. YESSS!!

## New WSC Structure Graphic in the Service Manual

Make sure that you check the new online 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual that is already available as a FREE download on the WSO website. You can go to pages 176 to 177 and see those changes.

[Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual \(P-24/27\) - Al-Anon Family Groups](#)

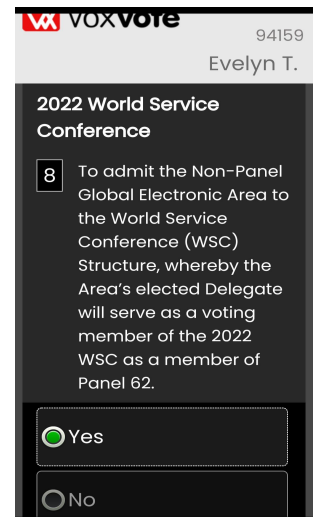


## 2023 Al-Anon International Convention

We are very excited about the big party that is in the works. They did a great presentation during the WSC. Albuquerque, New Mexico will be the host and it will take place at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Registration and hotel room reservation will be up and running on January 2023, so start planning this exciting trip. This Convention is with the participation of AA members.

## HISTORY happened at the 2022 World Service Conference

This was the first motion presented at the WSC. After a long discussion and many Questions and Answers, the motion CARRIED with 82 Yes and 2 No. This was a very emotional moment for all in attendance. The new Delegate of this new Global Electronic Area was welcomed back with a standing ovation and many emotional tears were shared. Now, we can welcome all the members of this Global Electronic Area as part of the Al-Anon Family Groups. Welcome Area 98, part of the Southeast Region (our Area 9 Region), and a Delegate of Panel 62.



### Global Electronic Area

- First Motion - PASSED!! Round of applause
- 674 Electronic Groups (March 2022)
- Physical and Electronic Groups
- A Group is a Group is a Group.

Florida North & GEA Delegates

## Fun Fact

The last time a new area was added to our service structure was in 1987 - Alaska, During the 2022 WSC, we were fortunate to have Alaska's second Delegate, Kathi M., serving on the Board of Trustees. Kathi shared what she experienced when Alaska petitioned to join the Conference.

## Translation was part of the 2022 World Service Conference

Since Al-Anon is a program in 3 languages (English, Spanish and French), translation was available. At last year's Conference history was made when the motion to make translation available during all future WSCs was CARRIED almost unanimous. This year the translation was only requested by the French-speaking Delegates from Canada. There were 3 professional translators present, alternating during the week, and by the end of the Conference, they were all part of our Conference. As the Delegate from Quebec said, "You don't need to read or write English to be able to serve as a Delegate because these translators were so efficient. Don't be afraid!!".

**In closing:**

I will like to share with you something that really resonates with me as your Florida North Delegate.

*As we enter this new stage of Al-Anon history, there will be many decisions to be made and that will lead to a lot of "talking things over and reasoning things out." In Al-Anon, change does not mean there should be distrust and fear. Al-Anon is a living and healthy program. Our conscious contact with a Higher Power through the group conscience is our unifying strength.*

*As a Delegate in my Area, the following words from Many Voices, One Journey (page 93) expressed my feelings about being a part of this historic decision made at the 2021 and 2022 World Service Conference:*

*"I felt an awakening like none other I had ever experienced. There was an undercurrent of excitement-a genuine thrill resonating through us all. I knew my participation in this vote was the beginning of something big. I was witnessing the birth of a critical piece that would guide my home group and all the registered groups to unity."*

*What a wonderful time to be of service!*

**Thanks for letting me serve as your Delegate... see you soon at our 2022 June Assembly!**



**At the WSC meeting room  
Tarrytown, New York**

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*Evelyn T.*



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***"Talk to each other, reason things out. Keep it simple."***

***"Panel 61 Delegate's Slogan: The Legacies live on".***