

*Dreaming Big With 2020 Vision
Rêver grand avec une vision 20|20
Soñar en grande con visión 20|20*

WSO Delegate Report
Area World Service Committee
September 13, 2020

Thank you all for giving a virtual day of service to our Area!

Chairman of the Board Letter - July 2020

The 2021 World Service Conference Theme:

Moving Forward with Unity, Courage, and Perseverance

Avancemos con unidad, valor y perseverancia

Allons de l'avant avec unité, courage et persévérance

Throughout our service structure, we strive to deepen our understanding of Al-Anon's spiritual principles and Legacies. How we talk to each other and reason things out, how we gather and share information and make decisions, are all rooted in these principles. The World Service Conference Theme is one way to focus our efforts.

During the last six months of this pandemic I've seen how together, and in unity, we've swiftly adapted to meeting virtually in our groups, districts, and Area. I know how much courage it takes to move forward into a changed reality, and to persevere, one day at a time. Together we're working to recover, while serving our fellowship and fulfilling our primary purpose: to help the families and friends of alcoholics.

So let's bring this new theme into our District and Area meetings as we approach 2021—the year we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Al-Anon!

Highlights of the COB Letter

The following attachments were sent with my Delegate's Report:

Chairman of the Board (COB) Letter and the WSO Finance Committee Report (Eng-Spanish) You can find the Policy Committee and Conference Leadership Team (CLT) reports at al-anon.org > Members > Board of Trustees, where they are clearly laid out.

- **Finances:** The response to the May Appeal Letter was overwhelming. Contributions for June 2020 were \$509,058. This set a record for the most contributions ever received in one month! We still project a \$420,000 shortfall for 2020 due to decreased literature sales. (See Finance letter for more details.)
- 2021 WSC will be held in Tarrytown, NY from April 12 to April 16, 2021. Conference Members will visit Stepping Stones.
- Board Members recognize the unique opportunity for the BOT to engage in conversation with members. Dates have been proposed for four Virtual Town Hall meetings: Nov. 14 or Dec. 12, 2020; Jan. 9 or Feb. 6, 2021. On Oct. 8th, Areas will put in bids to host.
- **Policy Committee:** has been using our Legacies to spiritually ground any proposed changes to the Service Manual. (See 2019 Annual Report, p. 15.)

- Report from the Electronic Meeting Work Group and Board of Trustees: recommendations for electronic events operating within the service structure, and for electronic meetings to move toward operating the same way other Al-Anon meetings do, as described in our Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual
- Update: 2020 International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) goes electronic: Oct. 5-11th.

I. Cooperation with Other Areas

One of the joys of service as Delegate is getting to know trusted servants from all over the country. This has led to our cooperating with other Areas in the following ways:

- Calif-South
June 2020
Shared with NYS their “Important Considerations-Hybrid Meetings” letter, which is included in your materials. NYSA DRs met to discuss best practices for virtual meetings, and questions for groups to consider before changing formats or reopening face-to-face.
- Rhode Island
August 2020
Rhode Island Al-Anon has laid out some clear guidance for meetings considering reopening face-to-face: www.riafg.org > In Person Meetings Considerations
- Calif-North
Sept. 5, 2020
Unifying Rural and Large Geographic Regions Workshop.
KBDM: Our stated goal for 2022-2024 “Organization: AFG, Inc. has one global structure, increasing access to knowledge, resources, and the program.”

If we truly aspire to having a worldwide service structure, local links of service need to be strengthened. A questionnaire to groups could help us better understand the obstacles to doing so.

As an Area, what follow-up would we like to consider?
And how best to reach groups that don’t have a GR and/or districts without a DR?

- ❖ Put the questionnaire on Area website?
- ❖ Create a Survey Monkey so the results can be compiled?

II. WSO Announcements

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- The Mobile App launched Aug. 13, 2020! *For the last two months, WSO has offered two weekly meetings on the Mobile App. Electronic groups are migrating to the App. Newcomers are attending their first Al-Anon meetings on the App!*
To sign up for the App using your mobile phone: Al-Anon.org>
[Members Page](#) » [Members Resources](#) » [Mobile App](#)
Any questions that can't be answered by the App Guide can be e-mailed to: afgmobile@al-anon.org
- Virtual World Service Conference Summary now available to download.
- Job posting for Magazine Editor on *The Forum* and *AFA* magazines. Job description available at al-anon.org> *Employment*. E-mail resumes and cover letters to: HumanRes@al-anon.org
- For a limited time, WSO reduces shipping costs from \$10 to \$5 for individuals ordering up to \$50 of literature. <https://ecommm.al-anon.org/>

III. Area News

- NYSA has bid on hosting the December 12, 2020 Town Hall Meeting with WSO
- For Delegate's reports and WSO updates, visit the Delegate's Corner on NYSA website al-anonny.org > Members > Delegate's Corner. English and Spanish.

IV. Closing Remarks

This year, our 2020 Conference Theme was **Dreaming Big with 20/20 Vision**. And we certainly have dreamed big in our Area, with over 200 groups meeting on virtual platforms or conference call. In recent meetings, members joined from the British Isles, Hawaii and Australia!

We truly are a worldwide fellowship. The technology we are embracing not only helps us stay true to our spiritual principles, (the three M's: meetings, meetings and more meetings!), but reminds us that we are unified in our common purpose to help families and friends of alcoholics. We do this by making our meetings accessible to those seeking help—to newcomers and old timers alike. When we open our hearts and minds and our virtual doors, we all benefit!

In love and gratitude and service,
Emily D-C
Panel 60 Delegate

The following attachments may be found in Chairperson's NYSA e-mail and on the Delegate's Corner at <al-anonny.org>: COB Letter (Eng-Spanish), Finance Letter, (Eng-Spanish), Important Considerations-Hybrid Meetings Letter (Eng-Spanish)