

AWSC Meeting, September 19, 2020

- July Chairman of the Board Letter from WSO
- Revised Budget restricts World Service Office (WSO) Volunteer and Staff travel through the end of the year, extends furloughs, and limits hiring.
- Contributions for June 2020 were \$509,058 which is \$345,472 (211%) more than actual June 2019. (Awesome!) Budgeted contributions for June were \$335,732 (194%) above budget. Year to date contributions are still above budget by \$615,206 (65%) due to the increase in contributions from the Special Appeal from the fellowship and the bequest in February.
- The response from the members, groups, Districts, and Areas to our Special Appeal was exciting to see and so very appreciated. We knew we could depend on all of you to help when it was most needed. The Finance Committee continues to keep a thoughtful eye on expenses, and we wish to thank to the Staff for controlling our expenses. Although the contributions were above the budgeted amount for June, we are not out of the woods. There is still a projected deficit of \$420,000 through the end of December 2020. Please continue your contributions to WSO if you are able. To give, you may contribute by check to AFG, Inc., 1600 Corporate Parkway Landing, Virginia Beach, VA 23454, or go to the website: [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org) and look for the "Contributions" tab.
- We hope your groups, Districts, and Areas are doing well. Please take care of yourselves first.
- Temporary online meetings

What the WSO requests is that if your meeting has resumed face-to-face *and* your temporary online meeting information is displayed on [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org), that a member of the group please submit the change information to remove the temporary online meeting information. This does not mean that the group cannot have members meeting in the physical location in addition to using an online platform to connect additional members into the meeting that are concerned about safety. Members are encouraged to check to see what meeting information is currently displayed on [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org) and decide from there how to proceed.

I hope this is helpful. Please don't hesitate to reach out to [groupservices@al-anon.org](mailto:groupservices@al-anon.org) if you have additional questions

- 2020 International Structure Meetings International Coordination Committee (ICC)
- Will be held in October in London, England. The (IAGSM) International AI-Anon General Services Meeting, will hold its meeting electronically, using AFG Connects.
- Membership Outreach:  
As a result of the pandemic, many Areas are holding their events virtually. This creates a unique opportunity for the Board of Trustees and WSO, represented by the COB, Executive Director, and Chairperson of Executive Committee, to engage in conversation with members. The idea presented was a "virtual town hall" meeting where we could talk to each other and reason things out. The Board enthusiastically supported the idea and encouraged the development of a plan. Details will be provided to Area Delegates by the first of September.

- Electronic Meeting Work Group Update
- After performing a KBDM, the EMWG has concluded that electronic meetings are Al-Anon groups and are asked to adhere to the same policies that apply to all Al-Anon groups. The EMWG is evaluating all the considerations related to defining electronic meetings as Al-Anon groups, which include electronic meetings having a Group Representative (GR) with duties and responsibilities as currently defined by the 2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) version.
- The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual World Service Conference has been scheduled for Monday, April 12 through Friday, April 16, 2021 in Tarrytown, New York. Conference members will visit Stepping Stones during the week. The Annual OPEN Board of Trustees Meeting will be held the afternoon of Friday, April 16. Saturday April 17, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet will be held.
- 2021 THEME WSC
- Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance
- Avancemos con unidad, valor y perseverancia
- Allons de l'avant avec unité, courage et persévérance