

DREAMING BIG WITH 20|20 VISION



Dear World Service Conference Members,

I am writing to give you a preview of the upcoming Chairman of the Board (COB) letter. The full COB letter, Finance Update, Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update, and Policy Committee Update will be posted in all three languages (English, Spanish, and French) in a few weeks. I want to share two exciting updates with you now.

- **Electronic Newcomer Packet:** Members have been asking for an Electronic Newcomer Packet for months. I have some very exciting news to report!! At the October Finance Committee meeting, Finance Committee members, after lengthy discussion, approved an electronic version of the *Al-Anon Newcomer Kit* (K-10) be offered and priced at \$2.99. Staff will also be implementing a previous Literature Committee recommendation to eliminate duplication in the *Kit*. More details will be coming in the next few weeks!!
- **Electronic Meeting Workgroup (EMWG) Update:** The EMWG developed the Big Question presentation for the 2020 International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM). The presentation allowed the EMWG to gather useful information from the attending IAGSM

Delegates regarding electronic meetings. Using some of the information gathered from the IAGSM, the EMWG brought forward to the Board ideas of ways to incorporate electronic meetings as groups into the service structure. The Board gave approval for the EMWG to move forward with the ideas presented. I cannot give you any specific information at this time because recommended changes may require discussion and approval by the Policy Committee, will need approval by the Board of Trustees, and will need consideration by the 2021 Conference members. More will be revealed on this topic!

Thank you for all you are doing for AI-Anon Family Groups.

." In AI-Anon, we are asked to do more than follow the law. We are also asked to be "obedient to the unenforceable" and follow the group conscience of our fellowship as a whole. This group conscience is documented in the *AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, and is based on the decisions of the World Service Conference, our largest representative group conscience.

On page 115 of the *2018-2021 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (version two), it states that the World Service Office cannot grant permission for "substantial" reprints of CAL in the US and Canada. On pages 116-117, the *Manual* reiterates that the WSO does not give permission to reprint extensively within the US and Canada, but goes on to clarify that the WSO can approve "limited excerpts" from CAL, provided that the proper forms have been submitted. In this case, "limited" has generally been interpreted as being a paragraph or less in length, but also limited in the number of quotations reprinted in a given document.

However, to provide some flexibility in the use of CAL at face-to-face meetings and workshops, members may copy CAL (and *The Forum*) without written permission provided that:

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- The following credit line is included on all copies: "From _____, copyright 20___, by AI-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. One-time reprint permission granted by AI-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc."

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I hope this information is helpful.

- Dear Delegates and Area Chairs,

We invite you to help us keep our database up-to-date by emailing election results and/or any other updates for Area Trusted Servants to AFGRecords@al-anon.org using this link: [AWSC Form](#). **Please highlight new information**--either using a different colored font, bolding, highlighting, etc.

The "World Service Handbook" notes that one of the duties of the Area Secretary is to ensure that the names and addresses of the Area World Service Committee members are sent to the WSO. Some Areas have delegated this to the Group Records Coordinator, Area Chair, or the Delegate. We appreciate your help in keeping our database up-to-date!
Thank you,

We wanted to let the fellowship know that we have begun development of improvements to the Mobile App, including an update to our registration process. We will work to complete the development, testing, and rollout of these changes as soon as we can. We'll keep you updated as we progress and can provide timelines. Thank you for your continued suggestions and feedback! We look forward to evolving our Mobile App together.

*Indiana Area Cordially Invites You
First World Service Office Town Hall!!
(Virtual)
Saturday, November 14, 2020*

Town Hall
1:00pm - 1:45pm EST
WSO Presenters
Vali F., Executive Director
Lynette K., Chair of the Board
Debbie G., Chair of Executive Committee

Topics Presented

Personal Sharing by Presenters
Finances & WSO
Electronic/Hybrid Meetings & Mobile App
Requirements for Serving on the Board

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> *There will be 15 minutes of questions and answer time following the presentations.*

> *Indiana Area members' questions will be first. Questions related to presented topics only.*

> *Please send questions by November 10th to: Miriam B. at delegate@indiana-al-anon.org*

Login begins at 12:30pm EST

Please include your name and Area when logging in.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89916453167>
Meeting ID: 899 1645 3167
No Passcode. There will be a waiting room.
Max 500 attendees

One tap mobile
+13126266799,,89916453167# US (Chicago)
Dial by location
+312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Save the Date:

12/12 at 12*

For WSO's **TOWN HALL** Meeting

Hosted by Northern California World Service Area (NCWSA)

Members from all Areas are welcome to attend.

Some of the topics will include:

- WSO Finances
- Electronic/Hybrid Meetings & Mobile App
- Requirements for Serving on the Board

and will be followed by the WSO Staff and Volunteers' answers to members' questions on these topics.

Meeting details including how to register are coming soon.

Use this link and your links of service for Town Hall Meeting updates.

<https://tinyurl.com/20201212-Virtual-Town-Hall>

****December 12, 2020 @ 12 PST***

Questions can be sent to: Delegate@ncwsa.org Please include "Town Hall" in the subject line.

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- 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

2023 AL-ANON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE

We invite you to meet us in Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 29 through July 2, 2023 to celebrate Al-Anon's Seventh International Convention!

Our daytime sessions on Friday and Saturday will include Book Studies, Next Picks, Panels, Speaker Meetings, Table Topics, and Workshops in addition to fellowship activities in the Hospitality Area.

Which sessions would you like to attend?

Book Study—Small meeting/circle of chairs/not recorded

This meeting includes taking turns reading a paragraph or two at a time out of a preselected piece of Conference Approved Literature (CAL), followed by sharing on what has been read.

Next Pick—Small or medium meeting/circle of chairs/recorded

This meeting is composed of a moderator introducing the topic with a brief sharing (3 – 5 minutes) before picking the next person to share on the topic. Then, that person shares, and picks the next person, etc.

Panel—Small, medium, or large meeting/theater style seating/recorded

This meeting consists of three preselected members giving a "mini-talk" (12 – 15 minutes) on a particular topic before opening the floor up for member sharing or questions.

Speaker Meeting—Large meeting/theater style seating/recorded

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recorded**

This meeting features one or two preselected members who share their story for 50 minutes (one speaker) or 40 minutes each (two speakers).

Table Topics—Small meeting/banquet table/not recorded

This impromptu session includes ten people or less who gather at a table, select a topic from a list of suggested topics, and hold a sharing meeting.

**Workshop—Small or medium meeting/theater style seating/
recorded**

This workshop features preselected members presenting an interactive session that focuses on a particular topic.

