

Delegate Report

Updates to report

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!

WSO Finances. The WSO budget was revised in July to decrease the amount of literature sales by about 61% from \$3,600,000 to \$2,200,000 and increase the contributions from 2,000,000 to \$2,445,000 or about 122%. When the Special Appeal letter came out in May, the Board of Trustees were projecting a \$1.6 million operating deficit at the end of 2020. At the end of September, based on the new revised budget numbers, contributions have exceeded the **revised** budgeted projections by \$365,000 and literature sales have exceeded the **revised** budgeted projections by \$45,900. Remember, these numbers are based on a revised budget which budgeted for significantly less income, continued reductions in expenses overall, and elimination of all travel and staff salary increases. If the current positive trend in contributions continues, the Board of Trustees are hopeful that the WSO may end the year in a better, or even surplus position, rather than the \$420,000 deficit reported in July. It is important to remember that this possible projected surplus reflects an increase in revenue over expenses. Although this is very good news, WSO is not out of the woods yet!! Due to literature sales still being below expectations, we continue to rely on contributions. Without your continued contributions, we can easily revert to the previous deficit position. Thank you all for your continued support as we navigate through this history making year.

WSO Paid Position Opening: In addition to the Group Specialist position reported in my on-line report, WSO is looking for an editor for the *FORUM*.

In closing, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as Texas East Delegate for the last three years. I love you all in a special way and please reach out if you have any questions.

This report is information in addition to the material published in the *Beacon*, which is posted on <https://texas-al-anon.org/area-53-group-member-and-officer-information/>. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at kacetxdel58@gmail.com or ask at the Assembly Nov. 7th.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Texas East Delegate for the last three years. I have grown spiritually and personally through service. Words cannot capture, the love I have for this program and for Texas East. I am saddened that due to the pandemic, I have not been able to meet and talk with all of you in person. I do look forward to serving as the immediate past Delegate and mentoring others in Service. I hope that during the Assembly elections you invite your higher power into your choice for the next panel.

WSO Finances and WSC Equalized Expense: Although contributions are at an all-time high, WSO is still operating at a projected deficit of \$420,000. Group and individual contributions are still needed. You can contribute directly to WSO at <https://al-anon.org/contributions/>.

Since the WSC was held virtually, the Board of Trustees has made a decision to refund the Area \$1571.35. We had a choice to give the money as a gift to WSO, take a refund, or use the money a partial payment towards the 2021 Delegate's equalized expense. Since the deadline to answer was prior to the Assembly, the Treasurer, Chair and I decided that we would apply it to the 2021 WSC expenses. *I would like the GRs at the Assembly to consider, making a donation of at least \$2000.00 to WSO. As our Area has not made a donation to WSO, this year. If the GRs would like the AREA to send a donation to WOS, A GR will need to make a motion during new business of the Assembly.*

Al-Anon Mobile App. WSO has launched Al-Anon Mobile App for smart phones. Go to your App store or Google Play to download the App. The App features meetings, chat with Al-Anon members, news feeds, and a premium content. Based on the feedback, updates to the App are forthcoming. Feedback about the App can be sent to afgmobile@al-anon.org.

Delegate's Chat. Do you have a new Service Position for 2021-2023? Wondering how will I do this new volunteer position? Hmm... Maybe, I need a Service Sponsor? You are in luck, the final Delegate's Chat we be a panel discussion with Judy P, Joyce Y., Anna A, and Kay C about Service Sponsorship with a Q&A. Come join us on Zoom, November 14, 2020 1-3 pm. Meeting ID 851 1376 0494; Passcode 517366. Flyer is attached and the event is posted on the Texas Website Events Calendar.

Unifying Rural and Large Geographical Populations. A WSC Task Force was charged to create a survey to gather information about challenges that keep groups and groups members from being connected to the Area and/or District. The goal was to have members complete the survey to quantify the value or importance of being connected beyond the group level. The workshop was geared towards DRs since, as links of service, they are in the best position to reach out to the groups that are not connected to the service arms (district and area). The WSC requested that the Delegates implement the survey in their Area. At the AWSC is was decided that our Area should hold this workshop and open it to all members of the Area. The Area workshop will be held in December 19, 2020. Be on the lookout for the flyer.

WSO Paid Opportunity – Group Services Specialist at WSO, Virginia Beach. The Group Services Specialist–Members role requires five or more years of membership and service in Al-Anon. Please contact me for a job description and contact information. The Group Services Specialist interacts with those that contact WSO.

WSO At-Large Committees: Deadline to Apply **January 1, 2020**. At-Large Committees listed below are formed by the Board of Trustees to respond to the ongoing needs of Al-Anon Family Group. At-Large Committees are not decision-making bodies; they make recommendations to the service department to which they are related. At-Large Committee members bring different perspectives with various experiences or understandings of the issue. **Qualifications:** Must have five years of continuous Al-Anon and/or Alateen membership for at least one year and be at least 13 years old (Alateen membership does count!). Must relinquish all Al-Anon service positions beyond the group level during term of service. Cannot be an Al-Anon member who has ever been a member of A.A. Delegates must wait until one (1) World Service Conference has passed after their term ends before they can be considered for service in this capacity. Go to <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/at-large-committees/> to apply.

Audit: works with the auditor to ensure that the financial affairs and business controls of AFG Inc. are in order. At-large members of the Audit Committee are required to have financial expertise including an understanding of generally accepted auditing principles and accounting standards, as well as an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

Forum Editorial Advisory: recommends editorial policies for our monthly magazine; considers articles for publication and seeks to place *The Forum* in the hands of every Al-Anon and Alateen member.

Literature: seeks to aid recovery by creating new and revised Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and seeks ways of encouraging members to enhance their recovery through increased awareness and the use of our literature and service materials.

Public Outreach: assists in the development of educational tools for our members to use with a variety of outside audiences and in the oversight of national and international public outreach projects that enhance Al-Anon's public image.

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Take care and see you at the Assembly, Delegate's Chat and Workshop– Kay C., Texas East Delegate.