

Welcome to Fall Ohio Area Assembly. I am Ann F, and just about a month ago I became your Ohio Area Delegate, for Panel 61. Prior to becoming your Delegate, I was your Alternate Delegate and AI-A-Notes newsletter editor.

World Service Office (WSO) Update

I hope all of you are subscribed to our World Service newsletter, *In the Loop*. If not, I strongly recommend that each of you, and all group members sign up. The sign up is on the alanon.org website, under the Members tab.

That being said, everyone who was signed up should have received an email in August from our Chairman of the Board (COB) of Trustees, Lynette K.

You can take the time to read this yourself, but I wanted to take a couple of minutes and review the finance update from Lynette's letter. And I quote:

Finance Update:

"The Board approved the Revised 2021 Budget. Even though expenses continue to be cut wherever possible, the Revised 2021 Budget has a \$233,753 deficit. Although year-to-date literature sales are above the YTD budget by \$86,831, literature sales have still not returned to pre-pandemic numbers. Year-to-date contributions are below budgeted expectations by \$111,557. We continue to need members contributions in order to meet the Revised Budget! (Please see the Finance Update attached to this letter.)"

This shortfall is a direct result of significantly decreased donations over what was expected for 2021.

I urge you to take this information back to your groups. If you are meeting in person, consider passing an envelope for personal donations to WSO. If you are still meeting electronically, perhaps consider setting up a PayPal or VENMO account, or asking for donations to be mailed to your group treasurer. As an individual you can go to the Contributions tab on the alanon.org website and donate via credit card, or PayPal.

Job Openings

Two positions are available at WSO Headquarters in Virginia Beach, Virginia. They are Agile Project Manager and Copy Editor. Neither position will be considered for remote employment. Information of these openings is on the WSO al-anon.org website, Under Employment.

Electronic Meetings to AI-Anon Family Groups - Ohio Area Electronic Meeting Work Group (EMWG)

At the invitation of our Past Delegate, Jo S, I was able to attend the Panel 61 update meeting as your Alternate Delegate. It was held via ZOOM, on August 1, 2021. The topic of the meeting was Electronic Group updates. Approximately 15 Delegates attended. Each Delegate shared their experience as to how their Areas are working to incorporate Electronic Family Groups into their Area structure.

Our Ohio Area has had a Work Group focused on presenting this information to Assembly and what needs to happen to move forward.

AI-A-Notes

The Fall Edition of AI-A-Notes was published in September, following our AWSC meeting. It was sent to all AWSC members, current GR's and CMA's, by email and is on the Ohio Area website. Subscription copies were mailed via snail mail

Yours in service,

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