

Good afternoon, Al-Anon Family,

I hope you are as excited as I am to meeting once again in person, for the first time since 2019!

Happy April Fool's Day! And no fooling, it has been a busy Spring in the Ohio Area.

By the time I present this, several of us will have attended the North Central Regional Delegates Meeting (NCRDM), in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where I will be presenting a short talk on a World Service Conference event, called Sharing Area Highlights. The NCRDM is preparation for the World Service Conference (WSC), being held in Virginia Beach, VA, on April 20-23, 2023. This year the Conference Leadership Team (CLT) has planned a four day Conference, one day shorter than past Conferences. This shortened Conference was at the request of past Delegates, but leaves us with an extremely full agenda. Another new feature for 2023, the WSC will be paperless for the first time.

The CLT has announced that love gifts, in the form of cards or letters only, can be mailed to the following address, to arrive after April 15, 2023.

Please use the Delegate's home address as the return address. This address can be found in the AWSC roster provided by our Area Group Records Coordinator, Shelly C.

Delegate's name (Hold for WSC 4/20-4/23, 2023)
The Founders Inn and Spa
5641 Indian River Rd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

In lieu of love gifts, you may consider making a financial donation to the World Service Office (WSO).

On February 18, 2023, I attended a virtual Chairman of the Board (COB) presentation, via Webex. Lynette K, our COB, sent her report for review and comments prior to the presentation, and used her time to speak about a decision made by the Board to present a workshop on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity (DEI) at this year's WSC.

Lynette's written report included a big thank you from the Board for continued financial support, and the announcement of a preliminary balanced budget for 2023. Other announcements included; the 2023 Road Trip will be October 28, in southern California, and an open Board Meeting will be held during WSC.

An unaudited financial report from Cindy M was presented by Lynette. The 2022 year end actuals were a net deficit of \$44,447, which was less than the budgeted deficit of \$332,726. Contributions were over budget, and accounted for this improvement. Literature sales were short of budget, and still significantly below pre-pandemic sales.

The Policy Committee continues their work on the Registering Multiple Meetings Thought Force. As always, they welcome questions and suggestions for any Al-Anon member.

Seeking Your Help in Finding Qualified Applicants to Serve at the World Service Level

Are you or do you know someone who has been an active member of Al-Anon Family Groups for at least ten years, has served above the group level, has a passion for the Al-Anon program, and meets the other requirements found at (<https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/>)? If so, perhaps this letter can serve as a nudge from your Higher Power to apply or encourage someone else to do the same. Résumés for WSO level Volunteer positions can be found through the same link to al-anon.org.

Each year, three Trustee at Large and three Regional Trustee positions become available through rotation of leadership. In 2024, the Board will also seek to fill Trustee at Large and Regional Trustee positions which are currently vacant or may have been filled by a one-year appointment. Qualifications for members applying for Trustees at Large and Regional Trustee positions are the same.

Opportunities to Serve on the Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM)

Serving on the three-member ECRPM also requires a three-year commitment, although the time obligation is significantly less. ECRPM meets twice a year for one day at the WSO in Virginia Beach. One new Committee member is elected each year. Applicants need to be willing to serve as the ECRPM Chair if selected by the Board of Trustees which means attending Conference with voice on matters related to the ECRPM. Qualifications and details about the nominating process for ECRPM are available at (<https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/executive-committee-for-real-property-management/>). For simplicity, the deadline for ECRPM résumés to be submitted is also August 15, 2023.

2023 Al-Anon International Convention will be held June 29- July 2, 2023, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The theme is “New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery.”

For more information, go to: <https://alanon.org/wso-events/2023-alanon-international-convention/>

For the first time, the 2023 International Convention is offering virtual attendance. The registration fee for virtual participation is \$145 and includes access to:

- All three Big Meetings
- A slate of sessions (two on Friday and four on Saturday)
- The International Convention event app to connect with members attending in-person and virtually around the world.

To register for virtual participation in the 2023 International Convention go to:

<https://multisoftevents.com/AlAnon23/Register.aspx>

With love in service,
Ann F
Ohio Delegate