

2015 Delegate's Report to Ontario South Assembly

"LIVING OUR SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES: EXPANDING OUR VISION"

Area Dreams

Through a presentation from the Finance Committee we were asked to expand our vision and look at what was our #1 Dream for Al-Anon? What would your Dream be?

AUDITORS REPORT

- ❖ Average cost of services provided by WSO \$3,970,232S
- ❖ Average cost of services provided by WSO per group : \$256.87 US\$
- ❖ In 2014: 55% of Ontario South Groups' donated an average of \$131.50 C\$

2015 WSO BUDGET

WSC approved a deficit budget.

- *Total Expenses \$5,117,000
- *Total Estimated Revenue \$5,065,000
- *Deficit amount of \$52,000

If each Group continued to do what they did last year with an additional \$25, budget would be met. Encouraging the fellowship to practice the spiritual principles of *Abundance* and *Gratitude*.

Canadian Tax deductible donations to WSO

Canadian members can make contributions to WSO and receive a tax receipt.

Make your personal cheque to "AFG Canada Inc.." and mail directly to WSO:

AFG Inc.
1600 Corporate Landing Parkway
Virginia Beach, VA, 23454-5617



Or through donation envelopes or place a personal cheque with your Groups' 'quarterly appeal envelope

APPROVAL OF 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Total number of Al-Anon & Alateen Groups worldwide for 2014 25,457.
Canada Al-Anon 1,303 Groups
(Ontario South 365 Groups)

CHOSEN AGENDA ITEMS

Each of these topics were chosen by the Conference members from topics submitted by the Delegates. Each item had an hour on the agenda with the purpose of generating conversations in these areas.

Topic

- ❖ Is the current model of Alateen the best model for the future of both Al-Anon and Alateen?
- ❖ In some Areas, what is stopping our kids from coming to Alateen?

Highlights of Discussion

Are we using resources to protect our Teens & SAMS?

Safety requirements are to protect the teens, have Areas evolved to focusing on protecting adults?

Teens are definitely changing the way we communicate. Technology is definitely changing how the world relates.

Alateen is a learning experience for our Al-Anon adults.

Why do we want to deprive our teens of Recovery?

Some members do report schools are asking for meetings.

Seems to be a fairly consistent challenge of getting Teens to attend.

Topic

- ❖ How can we clarify our primary purpose while welcoming members who need our program who may have a drug addicted friend or family member?
- ❖ Is Al-Anon becoming friends and families of addicts? Is the focus more on addiction than alcoholism? Are we diverted from Tradition Three and Tradition Five? How can we support groups and maintain Al-Anon's primary aim? Is the Al-Anon program being diluted?

Highlights of Discussion

Many comments regarding the spiritual principles of our Traditions.

It is within individual autonomy to declare qualification, it may take a member some time to figure out how they qualify.

Unity is maintained when the Al-Anon program is not diluted.

There are other 12 step programs for other issues.

PRESENTATIONS

TEAM Event

Together Empowering
Al-Anon Members



Area Highlights Newsletter



POLICY DISCUSSION

Memorial Contributions

Discussion occurred with no changes to current policy. Al-Anon does not accept outside donations. This conversation will continue.



WSO Announcement Community :

Will be available to any member to subscribe to that will have WSO announcements.

FLOOR MOTION

VHS Format Copy Protected Conversion of Lois' Story (AV-1) and Lois W. and The Pioneers (AV-24) to DVD copy protected.

This was discussed and approved.

DVDs will be available for rent from WSO.

Forum Advisory Committee

Will be proceeding with a new piece of literature which will be a compilation of past Forum Articles.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' BIG QUESTION:

How do we envision responsible service leadership in Al-Anon, a vision that inspires today's members to be tomorrow's leaders who are motivated by spiritual principles?



Al-Anon's 6th
International Convention
Baltimore, Maryland
July 5th to 8th, 2018

**NEVER BE AFRAID TO START THE
CONVERSATION!**

PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ Create Ways to Raise Awareness of the Tools Available for Alateen. *
- ❖ Identify, Gather and Present Practices that Demonstrate a Healthy, Thriving Group. *
- ❖ Create Strategies to Show the Importance of Abundance and Spirituality in Money Discussions.
- ❖ Create Strategies to Show Spiritual Connection of Being a Registered Group.
- ❖ Create Strategies to Help the Membership Welcome New Practices into the Fellowship.

*Information to be posted on www.al-anon.alateen.on.ca Delegate's Corner

Concepts Eight & Eleven- descriptive Text changes

Concept eight descriptive text changes approved.
Concept eleven descriptive text continues to be worked on.

Universal Understanding of Family Recovery

The following description was approved to be used by Public Outreach and members who work with the professional Community.
"Family recovery is a process of healing and growth for family members affected by someone's drinking. This process helps these individuals make healthier life choices and develop relationships that are more positive and supportive."

Welcoming and Retaining Newcomers

Information from the BLOG at 2013 International convention and follow-up survey with District Representatives.

W.S.O. Updates

- ❖ French & Spanish WSO Websites now operational
- ❖ Courage to Change –soft covered Spanish Edition-limited printing will be done
- ❖ Meeting information for all Registered Groups and All Areas will be available on WSO website. Information will be LIVE and in real time
- ❖ We have a new Regional Trustee for Canada Central: Leona Williams.

For complete details please see full Conference Summary available on line.
www.al-anon.alateen.org/members