

**Delegate's Report 2021
Fall Assembly
October 1-3, 2021**



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Hello, Florida North, Area 9...

It is amazing that we have almost completed our first year of Panel 61. For me, it has been a learning experience and the spiritual growth gained expands my recovery every single day. I am very excited to see what the year 2022 will bring to Al-Anon as a whole.

July 2021 Chairperson of the Board (COB) Letter

The purpose of this Chairperson of the Board (COB) Letter is to share some of the highlights from the July 2021 Board Week. There are updates from our Policy Chairperson, a finance update from our Treasurer, and a Conference Leadership Team (CLT) update. Some of those will be presented to the Area during the Assembly, and also members can visit the Area Delegate's webpage.

2022 World Service Conference (WSC)

Each July the Board of Trustees approves the theme for the upcoming year WSC. The 2022 WSC will be held in Tarrytown, NY. The CLT recommended and the Board approved that the theme for the 2022 WSC will be:

Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding
Enriquecer nuestra recuperación a través de la abundancia, unidad y comprensión
Enrichir notre rétablissement par l'abondance, l'unité et la compréhension

October 2021 in person Road Trip! has been postponed.

After an emergency meeting, the decision made by the Board of Trustees at this moment is to postpone the in-person 2021 Road Trip! The Board thoughtfully reviewed current CDC Guidelines for organizations planning large events and considered impacts on both the Road Trip! experience and the safety of members, WSO Volunteers, and Staff. Members may have many questions, including how refunds will be handled. We ask that you hold these questions until further updates become available.

New Non-Geographical Area Update

WSO is in the process to create this new area. It is encourage that all areas begin to reason things out on how they will handle the addition of electronic groups to their service arms; our Area 9 is not the exception. A Thought Force has been designated by the Area Chairperson in order brainstorm on this topic using the KBDM process. The WSO do not foresee any new changes until the next 2022 World Service Conference.

Latest information from the WSO: The beginning of the process is outlined on pages 165-166 in the World Service Handbook. After the non-panel Area elects a Delegate, the Conference Leadership Team would weigh the request for admission on its merit, considering population, geography (or not, in this case), expense, as well as policy. Following agreement to approve the request, the Conference Chairperson would make a recommendation to the Conference for its final approval of admission. This

would occur at the beginning of Conference in the form of a motion. If the motion passes, the new Delegate would fully participate in the Conference.

World Service Conference Summary

The WSC Summary is already available online at:

[WSC Summary - Al-Anon Family Groups](#)

Also, you can order a hardcopy of the WSC Summary at:

[WSC Summary Order Form - Al-Anon Family Groups](#)

Al-Anon 70-year History continues

You can listen to the recordings of the celebration at the Al-Anon Mobile App. Each one-hour session includes recordings of both speakers. Up to 300 attendees per language (English, French, and Spanish) will be able to join the 70th Anniversary Replay meetings in the Mobile App on a first-come, first-serve basis, giving you more opportunities to listen on your own or with a group of Al-Anon friends. Below is the schedule of replays:

- Saturday, October 9, 2021 @ 2 pm EDT and Wednesday, November 17, 2021 @ 8 pm EST
- Find out how to get the *Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App* at al-anon.org/mobileapp

Strategic Planning

The Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) facilitated a 2022 Strategy Options session which provided information to help Board members prioritize and select the Strategies which will most effectively advance the Goals and Envisioned Future of the AFG, Inc. Strategic Plan. The SLT will now take the selected Strategies and identify the resources needed to support them. SLT will make another presentation to the Board at the October 2021 Board meeting where the Strategies will be given final approval. The 2022 Strategies will be announced in the October 2021 COB Letter.

MISSION STATEMENT

Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. is a spiritually based organization that helps the families and friends of alcoholics connect and support each other through meetings, information, and shared experiences.



CORE PURPOSE

Helping families and friends of alcoholics find hope and encouragement to live joyful, serene lives.



International Coordination Committee (ICC)

The European Zonal meeting (EZM) was held September 3-5, 2021 via Zoom. Kerri K., Associate Director—International, and Jean L., ICC Chairperson, attended the EZM. The ICC has already started planning for the 2022 International Al-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) which will take place in London, England during October 13-15, 2022. The ICC will be seeking input from the IAGSM Delegates for a possible theme for the 2022 IAGSM.

At-Large Committee Members Résumé Solicitation Timeline Update

The request for résumés for At-Large Committee members has occurred as part of the Trustee solicitation letters which are distributed annually in January and July. Staff noticed these solicitations led to member confusion as to qualifications—the membership requirements for an At-Large member are significantly less than a Trustee. In July 2019, Staff gained Board of Trustee approval to send separate At-Large Committee communications each year.

The conclusion was reached that the best timing for At-Large Committee assignments would be January through December rather than May through April. The result was a new calendar for At-Large Committee member résumé solicitation and submission deadlines as well as selection timeline and terms for both Delegate and At-Large Committee members. As a result of the change in selection timeline, the Associate Director—Conference will contact Delegate Conference members in November, including incoming Delegates before they commence their panel, to gather their preferences for “Opportunities to Serve.” This change will allow first-year Delegates assigned to Committees to begin working as soon as their term begins.

Service Opportunities at the World Service Office

Have you ever imagined having the opportunity to serve the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups?

The World Service Office (WSO) has opportunities each year for members to serve as At-Large Committee members on select committees formed by the Board of Trustees. These members serve the fellowship by bringing ideas and sharing their experience, strength, and hope to provide recommendations on how to improve programs and services across the globe.

- Enjoy finances? Consider Audit
- Love reading The Forum magazine? Perhaps Forum Editorial Advisory might suit
- Want to contemplate ideas for new CAL? Literature could be your opportunity
- Love sharing about Al-Anon? Think about joining Public Outreach.

Al-Anon members applying to serve on At-Large Committees must have five years of continuous Al-Anon/Alateen membership and can never have been a member of A.A. Alateen members, must be at least 13 years of age, and have at least one year of Al-Anon/Alateen membership. Unique qualifications exist for past trusted servants at the world service level—these are listed on al-anon.org. At-Large Committee members may serve up to six one-year terms, beginning in January. Résumé forms must be submitted no later than October 29, 2021.

Southeast Regional Committee on Trustees (RCT)

As the Delegate of the Florida North Area, this year I am participating in the Resume Revision for the Southeast Region. This year we received 2 candidates and all the members of the Southeast Region received the resumes for revision. The due date to submit our evaluations is September 30, 2021.

1st Delegate's Virtual Workshop - Encourage Service!!

The Delegate's virtual workshop is taking place at the Area 9 Districts. Six districts have already signed up to offer the workshop to their members. This is a 2-hour Workshop using the Twelve Concepts of Service focused to Encourage Service. DRs or DISLs please send me an email with at

least 2 possible dates that your District is open to offering the Workshop. Once the date is confirmed I will send a Zoom invitation with all the details so you can inform all the members of your District.

RESERVE YOUR DATE!!

More information will be presented at the Area 9 October 2021 Assembly.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Delegate! See you at the Assembly!

Evelyn T.



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"Talk to each other, reason things out. Keep it simple."

"Panel 61 Delegate's Slogan: The Legacies live on"