

VAWSC Meeting, August 6, 2022

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Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity and Understanding

Delegates Report

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1. The 2022-2025 Service Manual (printed copy) will not be available until late 2022. Changes were made at the 2022 WSC in April that are being added to this version.
2. I will be attending the Chairman of the Board meeting on 8/6/22. Updates from this meeting will be discussed at the Fall Assembly.
3. The WSO finally ready for us and we are now able to register electronic groups as permanent groups in Virginia. The Group Records Coordinator will have more information.
4. The new WSC Conference Structure Graphic is available here:
https://al-anon.org/pdf/WSC-Structure-Graphic-8_5x11.pdf
5. I have started attending District Meetings in our Area and it has been very informative! As of 8/6/22, I have attended 12 meetings virtually and have 4 more on the calendar. If you haven't notified me of your upcoming meeting, please send me an email and let me know. Here are some of the fantastic ideas I have noted and want to pass along:
 - Create a meeting list bookmark to add to your newcomer packets. Better yet, create a QR Code that links to a list that is kept current.
 - Encourage reading from Alateen literature
 - Add these items to your newcomer packet: Alateen Info, Meeting Info, Suggested books to purchase, 12 Step Card, Forum subscription form
 - As a District, support a new group by sending them books (new or gently used and donated from current groups), Alateen books, Forum subscription, and anything else that will help them get started. Encourage members to attend the new group to offer additional ESH.
 - Get together with your GR's and their CMA's socially – meet for coffee or a meal. This will help prepare to fill service positions.
 - Encourage AA participation in your meetings – have speaker meetings with an AA and Al-Anon or a potluck. Each AA will bring at least their sponsor and maybe other AA's when they speak. Educating the AA's about our program LIVE is your #1 Public Outreach tool.
 - Continue to remind virtual and hybrid meetings to support their service arms. Meeting virtually doesn't change how the WSO supports each and every group.
 - Consider adding a Men's Meeting to your District if you do not have one already. The Loudoun District has a hybrid meeting that attracts 40+ weekly. The need is there.

6. Here is the link to the 2021 Annual Report: <https://online.pubhtml5.com/aisa/xbjm/>

Fun Fact: The first Al-Anon price list for literature in 1952, included the AA 'Big Book' and the AA *Grapevine* subscription as available for purchase.

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