

Virginia Area Al-Anon Assembly, September 27-28, 2025
Laura Lovern, VA Area World Service Delegate, Panel 65
WSC Theme – Investing In Each Other to Preserve Our Legacies
Panel 65 Theme - Keeping Our Legacies Alive

Delegate Report

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Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect – this year’s Road Trip! will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

Al-Anon Turns 75! – From Associate Director, World Service Events and History, Suzanne Martin “I’m excited to share that the Board of Trustees has approved a 75th anniversary celebration! The celebration will begin right after the 2026 World Service Conference, on Saturday, April 25, 2026, with an Open House at the WSO followed by a banquet back at the hotel that evening. We’ll have a speaker or two and plenty of tickets so that many members can come and celebrate with us. This will be a golden celebration in honor of 75 years of help and hope!”

Growing Future Volunteer Leaders – The Passing It On Project

- “Passing It On...”: This project is very exciting, as it is an effort to attract and support future volunteer leaders in service. There are many aspects to this project, but the primary one is making sure that AFG institutional knowledge is being passed down from current leadership to the next group of leaders that will take their place. Other aspects include mentoring and developing skills that are essential for service work, such as familiarity with principle-based discussions. The project is expected to take 3-4 years to fully complete, but when all is said and done we should have vast educational, mentoring and training resources to help us leave the next wave of trusted servants with all of the experience and knowledge we have amassed, without them having to reinvent the wheel.

Carrying the Al-Anon Message to College Campuses: Cooperating with Mobilize Recovery's Campus Surge 2025

Many college students face academic and personal pressures without a strong family support system-especially those affected by a loved one's drinking. These students may not know that help is available. As part of public outreach service, Al-Anon members have shared resources with campus wellness centers, counseling offices, and university staff.

Mobilize Recovery is a national nonprofit that promotes recovery education, connection, and advocacy. This fall, its **Campus Surge 2025** campaign offers a unique public outreach opportunity for Al-Anon to **cooperate** in reaching college communities with recovery-related information. The initiative runs from **August 29 to November 10**, with events hosted at **different campuses on different dates**, each tailored to the needs of that local student population.

- View the interactive Campus Surge map: www.mobilizerecovery.org/campus_surge_2025

Interested in Participating?

If your Area is interested in participating, please **contact the event coordinator** listed for the specific campus in your region. Ask how Al-Anon can **cooperate** by providing literature or information to support students and families affected by someone else's drinking.

◆ *In accordance with Al-Anon's Tradition Six, our outreach efforts are informational only. We do not endorse, finance, or affiliate with outside organizations. Our goal is simply to ensure that those who need us can find us.*

COB Letter Presentation

2025 Happenings:

- A WSO website rebuild has been initiated to mitigate the risk involved based on the age of the current website
- 75th Anniversary Public Outreach activities will commence
- *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* will be updated – sharings are requested
- Core Systems Overhaul project
- The Finance Committee submitted a revised budget as the result of lower than anticipated literature sales, investment income and contributions for the first half of the year. The Board approved the revised deficit budget of \$170,800.

Single Trustee Process Task Force – A single Trustee application process for both Regional Trustees and Trustees At Large (TAL) is under consideration. For the past 5 years, our Board of Trustees (BOT) has been operating at a 72% capacity rate, due to lack of Regional Trustee applications. At the same time, the need for guidance through technology expansion, changes in cultural awareness, cybersecurity and legal threats has grown substantially. Because the Regional Trustee process requires an intermediate level Area approval prior to being submitted to WSO, many qualified applicants opt for the faster application process of the Trustees at Large. 3 options for a Single Trustee Application are being considered by the Task Force.

- First, expand the composition of the Conference Committee on Trustees (CCT) to include geographic/regional voice across panels. The CCT would include one Delegate from each region. This would make for a larger committee.
- Second, run the CCT and Regional Committee on Trustees (RCT) scoring processes concurrently; this option keeps both the CCT and the RCT.
- Third, use CCT only and obtain feedback from the regional Delegates. There would be no RCT.

Respectfully submitted,

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