

Virginia Area World Service Conference (**VAWSC**) August 2, 2025  
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WSC Theme – Investing In Each Other to Preserve Our Legacies  
Area Theme – Connections and Growth Through Service: Investing in Each Other to  
Preserve Our Legacies

### 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. The application deadline for Area's to host the 2026 Road Trip! in their Area is September 19, 2025.

**Al-Anon Turns 75!** – The Board of Trustees has excitedly announced an Al-Anon 75th anniversary celebration! The celebration will begin right after the 2026 World Service Conference, in Newport News, Virginia, 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. I sincerely hope to see you all there, to celebrate this milestone together!

**2028 International Convention** - The Board of Trustees has announced the location for the 2028 Al-Anon International Convention with A.A. Participation: Minneapolis, Minnesota! All who attend on July 21-23, 2028, are sure to enjoy the Welcome Committee's demonstration of "Minnesota Nice" in the "City by Nature". WSO has secured two hotels attached to the Convention Center and the remaining overflow hotels are within five-minute walking distance; the city is only a four-hour flight from anywhere in the continental United States and Canada. The decision was made to move away from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend because travel is easier, costs are lower, and the event doesn't interfere with member holiday plans.

### Conference Approved Literature (CAL)

- While there are no new publications planned for 2025, WSO is accepting writing submissions for two new approved publications on the topics of *Finances and Recovery* and *Personal and Service Sponsorship*. Members can submit sharings at [al-anon.org/sharing](http://al-anon.org/sharing).
- The most purchased CAL items in 2024 were *How Al-Anon Works*, *A Little Time for Myself*, and *Healing within Our Alcoholic Relationships*.
- The WSO is working to make all CAL available as e-books. The first book, *Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships*, will be launched in a 6-month trial, starting this month. At the end of a successful trial period, the rest of the CAL library will be launched, three per month. The launch was originally planned for May but got delayed.

- An updated Service Manual will be published early next year.
- *Remember Al-Anon in Your Will* (S-38) was updated and translated in Spanish and French on al-anon.org. It is available for download at no cost.

**Single Trustee Process Task Force** – As reported at Spring Assembly, 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 have 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 and the Task Force has agreed to hold a detailed review of the options online with all Delegates soon. As soon as this review is held, we will discuss in more detail as an Area.

Please note that I have attached the 2025 World Service Conference Motions and results to the back of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Lovern, Delegate, Panel 65, Virginia Area

# 2025 World Service Conference Motions

## **MOTION #1 – (82 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 3 void) - CARRIED**

That the following persons be seated at the 2025 World Service Conference:

With voice, but no vote:

Niketa Williams	Senior Director of Finance & Operations	Non-Al-Anon Member
Tracey S.	International Services Manager	Al-Anon Member

With voice limited to Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM) business, but no vote:

Sue C.	Chairperson, ECRPM	Al-Anon Member
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## **MOTION #2 – (88 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED**

To make the following changes to the “Local Services” section of the “Policy Digest” of the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) v4(a)*:

Move the updated “Autonomy of Groups” subsection to the “Membership and Group Meetings/Conventions” section and rename the subsection as “Who Can Disband a Group.”

Establish the “Meeting List Publishing” subsection in the “Membership and Group Meetings/Conventions” section.

In accordance with the changes recommended by the Policy Committee and adopted by the Board of Trustees.

## **MOTION #3 – (89 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED**

To approve the 2024 Audited Financial Report.

## **MOTION #4 – (88 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED**

That the following non-voting roles be seated at the World Service Conference:

- World Service Office (WSO) Staff who have voice and are critical to the Conference Agenda, for example, the Senior Director of Finance & Operations
- The Executive Committee for Real Property Management Chairperson with voice limited to ECRPM business

- International Representatives, i.e., a representative from a General Service Office with voice
- WSO Staff members seated to observe a session, or a day of sessions with no voice.

**MOTION #5 – (89 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED**

To approve the 2025 Finance Committee Report.

**MOTION #6 – (89 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED**

To approve the 2024 Annual Report.

**MOTION #7 – (64 yes, 26 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED**

Allow group names to continue to include identifiers such as those currently listed on page 28 of the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) v4(a)* including “men, women, parents, adult children, young adults, other gender identification/sexual orientation, etc. with the understanding that in keeping with Traditions Three and Five, the groups will welcome anyone affected by someone else’s drinking” until the 2026 World Service Conference to allow WSC Structure Areas to discuss the implementation of the 2024 WSC-approved “Choosing a Group’s Name” Policy.