

**VAWSC Meeting, March 5, 2022**

**Stacy Lewis, VA Area World Service Delegate, Panel 62**

***Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity and Understanding***

**Delegates Report**

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1. The Area Web or Tech Coordinator Task Force was seeking information about our Area service roles that we have implemented. I shared information and Job Descriptions with the Task Force about our Technology Coordinator and Web Coordinator positions for them to review.
2. The 2022/2025 Service Manual will be available electronically in English, French and Spanish this spring. The printed version will be available in late summer.
3. A Delegate was voted in for the current non-Panel Area. A request will be made for them to join the WSC structure and the WSC will vote first thing to allow them to join so they can be a permanent, voting member for the 2022 conference.
4. Love Gifts – A decision was made to not have Love Gifts at the conference this year due to the pandemic. Groups may make a Love Gift donation to the WSO if they would like. ILO Love Gifts, cards and words of encouragement would be welcomed! Please encourage your groups to send me cards or notes to my home address to be received prior to April 22. I will take them to conference and read them throughout the week.

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5. Road Trip 2022! This program is given by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee. It is a one-day event and will be held in Cleveland, OH on 10/29/22. The Road Trip program was being done on a trial basis, but the board voted to make this a permanent event.
6. Strategic Plan Update: The Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. has new mission and vision statements:

***Mission: 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 barrier-free meetings, information, and shared experiences.***

***Vision: Families and friends of alcoholics find hope and encouragement to live joyful, serene lives.***

7. Finances – the WSO ended with a deficit of \$76k for 2021. However, they had expected a deficit of \$233k. The loss was less than expected due to the budgeted travel in 2021 that did not occur due to the continuing pandemic. In 2021, the biggest industry challenges faced were paper shortages for literature (reason for delayed Service Manual printing also), staffing issues and shipping delays.

Fun fact – In 1953 the Clearing House (current WSO) submitted their first Annual Report that showed a total income of \$2800 – \$2400 were contributions and \$400 in literature sales. Their total expenses were \$1500.

#### Membership Survey - Highlights

1. Average member 62.5 years old and members attended their first meeting at 44.1 years of age.
2. 86.8% identified as female and 12.6% as male. .6% identified as neither.
3. 90% identified as white and the remaining 10% were a mix of many different groups.
4. 99% claimed to have at least a high school education and 79% attended college.
5. 49% came to Al-Anon because of a romantic partners alcoholism. 14% due to parents and 19% due to a child.
6. 83% reported improvement in their mental health within the first year of attending a meeting.
7. 16,486 members responded to the survey.
8. The full summary of the survey is attached.