



DELEGATE'S REPORT TO THE FLORIDA SOUTH ASSEMBLY
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Our Spiritual Journey—we get as we give
Nuestro viaje espiritual—es al dar que recibimos
Notre cheminement spirituel—c'est en donnant que nous recevons

Hello again Florida South! This year's Conference theme - *Our spiritual Journey - we get as we give* - encourages everyone to look at the many ways our spiritual journey has been enhanced as a result of being of service to this wonderful fellowship. It reminds me that my *getting* is in direct relationship to my *giving*. So, how can I give? By being a part of the process and participating where and when I am able. Here are some ideas -

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY - It's that time again!! Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. has posted the 10th Membership Survey on-line. Share your Experience, Strength & Hope by going to our member's website (www.al-anon.alateen.org/members) and taking the survey. This information will be used to improve and increase awareness of Al-Anon Family Groups among professionals, the media and the general public. The survey will be available from September 10 to October 21, 2012. The results will be available in December, 2012/January, 2013 and posted on the WSO's public outreach and members' website.

FINANCES - the following is an update based on the unaudited financial statements ending June 30, 2012.

Income: Literature sales were \$2,121,600 this year compared to \$2,346,800 last year, a decrease of 9.6%. Gross profit on literature was \$1,588,500 (74.9% of sales), compared to \$1,865,700 (79.5%) last year. Contributions were \$674,400 this year, compared to \$616,600 last year - an increase of 9.4%!! The WSO is grateful to all of our members who are increasing their contributions to help us reach our budget of \$1,500,00 this year!! Forum subscription income was \$134,400 this year compared to \$136,300 last year (decrease of 1.4%).

Expenses: Operating expenses were \$2,401,300 this year, compared to \$2,519,900 last year. Expenses are in line with their budgeted amounts. Equalized expenses

this year have been set at \$1280, with the full cost of the Conference set at \$1,968.

Remember, if each group contributed \$13.00 more, then we would meet our budgeted amount. If each group contributed \$26.00 more, then our revenue would equal our expenses (a balanced budget!). However, if each group wanted to be fully self-supporting, their annual contribution would equal the amount of services received - \$248.00.

INTERNATIONAL AL-ANON CONVENTION - Celebrating Worldwide Unity in Vancouver, British Columbia, July 5-7, 2013. Registration is open and up on-line!! Also, keep a look out for the registration packets that will be arriving by mail. Do we want to be in the parade? Do we want to send Love Gifts? Let's start talking about it!!



TEAM - Do we want to have a TEAM (Together Empowering Al-Anon Members) event in 2014? Since this would be the last year of panel 52 and an election year, perhaps we could host a TEAM event instead of a service seminar. A minimum of three members of the WSO staff will come to us. The Area would provide the facility. The Agenda would be collaboration between the Area and the WSO. The event can take place over 1 or 2 days - it can be a stand-alone event or tied to another Area event - it is up to us. There have been 13 events in 2012, and there are limited amount of events that they can handle on a yearly basis - getting a request in early is important.

CONFERENCE SUMMARY - The 52nd World Service Conference Summary is out and has been posted on the members' website! My report to the Spring Assembly was a just a sampling of the information that I received when I attended the WS Conference. The summary has the full reports from the Trustees and the Executive Committee re Structures, Electronic Literature, as well as the 2011 Annual Report.

POLICY UPDATE - The Policy Committee met after the 2012 WS Conference and has issued an opinion that concludes that it is not a violation of the Traditions or Policy to use additional companies for the distribution of our literature-specifically in the form of electronic literature and commonly referred to as 'third party vendors.' Accordingly, Policy's opinion is that the Executive Director may proceed with the project of electronically publishing the Forum and Having Had a Spiritual Awakening (B-25) as approved by the Board of Trustees.

2013 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE (WSC) - The theme of the 2013 WSC is - *Our Legacies: The Spiritual Journey of Changing "Me" to "We."* The WSC will be held at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA, Sunday, April 14, 2013 through Thursday, April 18, 2013. The Annual Open Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Friday, April 19, 2013. The Board has made the decision that the Conference members will not be visiting the World Service Office in 2013 due to the additional time needed for consideration of the proposed updates to the Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Policies section of the Service Manual.

TIMELY TOPICS/CHOSEN AGENDA ITEMS - It is also that time of year where we come up with some Chosen Agenda Items (CAI) that our Area feels would be beneficial if discussed by the Delegates at next year's WS Conference. So, put your thinking hats on and let's see if we can come up with some topics for vote and then submission to the Conference Leadership Team.

Love and Al-Anon Hugs,

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