WSC 2021 Delegate Report

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My WSC 2021 Take-Away

What would you like your Area members to take away when they leave an event with WSO Volunteers and Staff?

I would like my area members to take away:

★ a feeling of connection between WSO volunteers and staff.
★ a new relationship between each other.
★ an experience that WSO volunteers and staff are no longer unknown people from a far away place but Al-Anon members in service at the global level.
★ a love and appreciation for what WSO volunteers and staff do and for who they are.
Registered Electronic Al-Anon Groups: The Big News

Go to my separate report:
The Big News: Registered Electronic Groups at WSC 2021
**Electronic Welcome Packet (eK-10):**  *Welcome, Newcomer!* will be available through all the eBook vendors in May, most for $1.40 per copy! Due to Apple’s pricing policy, the booklet will be $1.99 per copy on Apple Books. The *Welcome, Newcomer!* has been reformatted and streamlined.

This new recovery tool helps newcomers learn about the family disease of alcoholism, understand how Al-Anon can help families and friends of alcoholics, find meetings, and discover CAL. The current print version of the Al-Anon Newcomer Packet (K-10) will also be reformatted and streamlined with the next printing which will happen when the copies currently in the warehouse are sold.

(I will show you screenshots of sneak peaks of the eNewcomer Kit.)
New Trilingual Online Store

The new **Trilingual** Online Store Preview is scheduled to be ready in May/June 2021. CAL will be available in English, Spanish and French. You will be able to shop by Topic (parents, grandparents, al-anon essentials).

(I will show you sneak peaks of screenshots of the new online store.)
2021 Operating Budget with my comments

The budget is adjusted in July. WSO may release the revised budget in July. The major expense categories are:

- salaries and associated costs (payroll taxes and benefits)
- office expenses (postage, telephone, stationery and supplies, printing, Canadian office)
- Occupancy
- Public Service Announcements (PSAs)
- professional fees, travel
- Conference costs (including interpretation)
- bank/credit card fees
Vermont Contributions for 2020 by Group

The % of Groups that contributed in 2020 is 73%.
The average contribution for groups in 2020 was $100.28.
The Group Total for 2020 was $3,911.
The Group Total for 2019 was $3,821.

Other VT Contributions includes the Area

In 2020, other contributions was $5,399! (Other in 2019 was $1,158.)
Other contributions include individuals and contributions from AISs, LDCs, and area meetings.
Motions #1 to 7

There were 15 motions that passed at WSC 2021.

1. Seating Motion
2. Audit Report
3. Amend text of Bequests portion in Digest
4. Give Conceptual Approval to Develop an Alateen Just for Tonight bookmark
5. Approve the Revised Alateen Preamble [link to alateen preamble pdf]
6. Amend the Text throughout the Manual as Identified in the Track Changes Document. *(This relates to the electronic group changes.)* [Link to the Track Changes Document with my comments]
7. Amend pages 88-89 to Remove the portion titled “Electronic Meetings” entirely. *(This relates to the electronic group changes.)*
Motions 8 to 15

8. 2021 Finance Committee Report
9. 2020 Annual Report [link to report]
10. Approve including interpretation services cost as part of the full cost and equalized expenses amount for delegates. (For 2019, it was about $350 extra. If we went to stepping stones, it would have been $718. The 3-year trial is over as of WSC 2021.)
11. Allow Housekeeping Changes.
13. Approve Longitudinal Study starting in 2021. [can I share the 2021 framing document?]
14. RCT Committee Process
15. Conceptual approval to add a new introduction to One Day at a Time in Al-Anon that places the book in historical perspective.
Access the 2020 WSO Annual Report

The April 2021 COB Letter and Committee Updates

1. April 2021 Chair of the Board (COB) Letter
2. April 2021 Finance Committee Update
3. April 2021 Conference Leadership Team Update
4. April 2021 Policy Committee Update
Presentations

1. Conflict Resolution Workshop Task Force Presentation
2. Conflict Resolution Workshop Packet (contains skits)
3. Dreaming Big - Envisioning Our Future Thought Force Presentation
Chosen Agenda Items

1. **Chosen Agenda Item (#17):** Al-Anon has been discussing diversity frequently. Increasingly, new members who want to feel safe and respected are asking when change will happen. Members are questioning why newly printed literature (books, pamphlets, manuals) are using antiquated language. Young members often struggle to "find" alcoholics in their family tree, and choose to embrace family nights at other programs. What can Groups do to make everyone feel welcome while WSO moves forward addressing change?

2. **Chosen Agenda Item (#15):** How does the growing rapidity with which information is revealed, shared and disseminated impact the links of service from the WSO down to the GR? How can we hone our use of various electronic platforms to strengthen open communication, dialogue and connections between trusted servants and members to ensure that a sense of relevancy and interdependent communication is maintained between all levels of the links of service?

3. **Chosen Agenda Item (#2):** With all of the challenges facing Al-Anon with current conditions, what can we do to help serve newcomers better during times with limited and less face to face meetings?
The Mega Issue

In what ways can we encourage and support members to share their skills and talents to fulfill the needs of AFG Headquarters, Inc. as a member of the Board of Trustees?

What is a Mega Issue?

In 2018, in response to Delegates’ requests for increased participation at the World Service Conference (WSC), the Board of Trustees (BOT) chose to provide an opportunity for Conference members to experience idea-generating conversations, much as the Staff, BOT, and Executive Committee do when a new issue is raised. Thus, a more inclusive and innovative format was developed in which Conference members could identify and discuss ideas on a topic of importance to Al-Anon world-wide. The “Mega Issue” discussion is designed to be more spontaneous and less structured than the past WSC “Big Question” discussions were.
The Mega Issue Discussion

The “Mega Issue” discussion took place in three sessions at WSC. The BOT used the Knowledge-Based Decision-Making (KBDM) questions. The second session included brainstorming and prioritization of potential solutions.

The final session focused on identification of the positive benefits and potential risks of the solutions. These sessions were guided by the utilization of a thinking process that allows Conference members to better separate thoughts into six clear functions and roles.

Each thinking role is identified with a colored symbolic "thinking hat." By mentally wearing and switching "hats," Conference members can more easily refocus or redirect thoughts during spontaneous conversations.
Road Trip: You and Your Board Connect

The next You and Your Board Connect event will be on October 23, 2021 in Cleveland, Ohio.

(I think registration begins in August 2021. Space is limited. You have to register.)

What is a Road Trip?
The 2023 Al-Anon International Convention with A.A. Participation will be held from June 29 to July 2, 2023 in Albuquerque New Mexico

Visit the WSO Events Calendar for updated info.