

# Delegate Report:

## Spring Assembly, May 16, 2026

**The 66<sup>th</sup> World Service Conference was held April 20 to 25, 2026** in Newport News, Virginia. Ninety-one Conference members were in attendance, including Delegates from all 68 Areas; At-Large Members of the Executive Committee; the Board of Trustees; and World Service Office Staff Conference members, as well as one visitor from outside our WSC Structure, a delegate from Mexico.

According to the Al-Anon World Service Conference Charter, “The Conference acts for Al-Anon in the perpetuation and guidance of its WSO services,” It is... **a vehicle by which Al-Anon can express its views on policy and note deviations from Traditions.**” p 227 of our Service Manual.

The theme of this year’s Conference was **75 years, One Purpose**. Tradition 5 tells us that our purpose is to help families of alcoholics, and our Service Manual tells us, in the introduction to the Twelve Concepts of Service, that “Anything done to help a relative or friend of an alcoholic is service...”

### Financial Report

The WSO Finance Committee meets monthly. The purpose of the Finance Committee “is to see that our World Service Office operation remains financially sound, always aligning the use of our money with the spiritual principles of our program.” 2026-2029 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, p 207

AFG Inc.’s total revenue for 2025 was \$6,628,145.

Expenses for 2025 totaled \$6,496,134.

The total estimated revenue for 2026 is \$6,680,120.

Total estimated expenses for 2026 are \$6,655,008

For 2025, AFG, Inc total sources of revenue included contributions, literature sales, magazine sales, and investment income - the two main sources of revenue are contributions and literature sales.

Major expenses categories include salaries and associated costs and office expenses.

## Motions

Eight motions were passed at the World Service Conference this year. The first three had to do with approval of the **2025 Audit Report, the 2025 Annual Report, and the 2026 Finance Committee Report.**

The remaining motions concerned **Electronic Alateen, The Group Naming Policy, and the Election of Trustees.**

❖ Electronic Alateen groups were recognized as Al-Anon Family Groups and the WSC EASBR (Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavior Requirements) were adopted. Beginning September 1st, Areas may opt in and start the process of registering electronic Alateen meetings and train members as Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service-Electronic (AMIAS-E). Whether an Area opts in or not, teens in the Area may participate in electronic Alateen groups registered in the World Service Conference service structure (the US [including Puerto Rico], Bermuda, and Canada). It is optional - Areas can opt in and adopt the EASBR or not. (Details can be found at **Electronic Alateen Groups** under **Member Resources** on the Vermont Al-Anon/Alateen website.

❖ The discussion of the **Group Naming Policy** at Conference addressed many of the themes we discussed at our Fall Assembly last October, such as the importance of being welcoming and the safety of members in our meetings.

WSC voted to approve a motion that would guide the WSO TO implement the following Group Naming Policy:

- Allow community identifiers such as men, women, parents, adult children, young adults, other gender identification/sexual orientation, etc. in group names.
- Consistently notify the Area Delegate and Area Group Records Coordinator whenever a group submits a registration or name change containing a community identifier to request these trusted servants have a conversation with the group to ensure their group conscience is to welcome anyone affected by someone else's alcoholism in accordance with Tradition Three and advise the World Service Office of the result and decision regarding whether to register the group.
- Develop a plan to increase education opportunities to share experience, strength and hope with Area trusted servants on how to be

welcoming to newcomers, especially those who do not match a group's community identifier, and to have conversations with group members regarding group names and welcoming.

❖ Prior to the 2026 WSC, Al-Anon had two application paths to becoming a

**Trustee**, one for Trustees at Large (TAL) and another for Regional (RT).

However, there is no difference in the trustees' roles once they are elected.

- At Conference this year, WSC members passed a motion that would simplify the process for all applicants and maintain regional input in the selection process.
- To implement a single Trustee selection process including the opportunity for Area feedback on applicants, expanded Conference Committee on Trustees (CCT) composition to incorporate regional participation, and application ranking designed to balance current and incoming Board Regional representation as a trial for a minimum three-year trial basis.
- More than 500 members and guests attended Al-Anon's 75 Anniversary Gala. The program included longtime members of Al-Anon, whose sharing was inspirational and, at times, hilarious. I'm fortunate to have purchased a recording of each of their talks. They cannot be copied, but I would be happy to share them at Area or District events or meetings.

Read more at: [Published Highlights of the 2026 World Service Conference](#)

In grateful service,  
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