

## WSC Delegate Report To the AWSC

As the voice of your Groups, you are the most important person at AWSC.

This is my last report to the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) as your World Service Conference Delegate. Yes, you are an Area World Service Committee member and I am grateful for your participation. "Participation is the key to harmony." (Concept Four)

I have been in touch with your other Officers, Coordinators, Past Delegates, a few DRs, Grs, AISs and the World Service Office. Attended your Fall Assembly where we had very good attendance for elections of your Panel 58 Officers. Your new Officers will be Ann M. – Delegate, Kristine G. – Alt. Delegate, Mike D. – Area Chair, Maggie S. – Area Treasurer, FloAnn Y. – Area Secretary. As per your Michigan AFG, Inc. Al-Anon and Alateen Policy Handbook, your new Delegate Ann M. is looking for Members to fill the Coordinator positions; a great opportunity to expand your growth in recovery and to give back for what Al-Anon has given you.

Vali F. started her new journey on September 5<sup>th</sup> as your new Executive Director at the World Service Office (WSO). She attended her first "Road Trip" Annual Board of Trustees meeting; last month in Colorado. Mary G. completed her Interim Executive Director position at the same "Road Trip" meeting and now begins her new own personal journey. I thank her for the wonderful job she did in such a short period of time.

The World Service Office is gearing up for the "2018 International Convention" (Celebrating One Day at a Time) in Baltimore Maryland. As of AWSC, there is only 7 months, 3 weeks and 4 days until the Parade of Nations begins; but for the first time, festivities will start the day before with the "Day of Connecting." An Additional day with a full program of panels, discussion meetings and presentations. Registration started on September 5<sup>th</sup> (do not try to get hotel reservations before registering with WSO); the sooner you register the more you save and the closer to the events your housing could be.

The 2018 World Service Conference, to be held in West Harrison, New York, so that Ann and the full Conference can visit "Stepping Stones" (Home of Bill and Lois W.). The Conference theme will be, "Al-Anon – There is no standing still!"

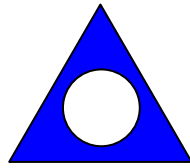
This information (in more detail) and much more information is available in the quarterly letter of the Chairman of the board of Trustees' found on the members' web site. Also, there you will find a letter from the Policy Committee, Finance Committee and the Conference Leadership Team.

From the Policy Committee you will learn about: Policy Digest Review – Implementing "Spiritual Principles" in the policies of the Service Manual. Electronic Meetings – Current progress and a breakout session at the 2018 World Service Conference. "Open" and "Closed" Terminology – Task Force to be created to change the language for newcomers and professionals. Getting in Touch with Al-Anon/Alateen (S23) – Not part of policy and should be re-located from Policy Digest Review. And much more.

The Finance Committee: Between donations and literature sales income is down \$376,000.00 from this time last year. Expenses are up by about \$450,000.00. So, Al-Anon as a

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whole is trusting that the fellowship will come through as it did in 2016 to increase donations for the last 3 months of 2017 (by \$600,000.00) so the budget will be met. Find more details in the Letter on the members' website.

The Conference Leadership Team is gearing up for Conference; the Conference Procedures Booklet has been revised for this Conference. Finding more ways to have Delegates involved in the workings of the Conference Agenda. "Conference Rules" are now known as "Conference Etiquette". Vali F. will be speaking Wednesday evening at Conference, so at Spring Assembly, Ann can give us review of her talk. By the way, just for your information and continuing Panel 55 dedication to education – the Conference Leadership Team is made up of: Associate Director – Conference (Suzanne M.), (Trustees – Judy K. and Teri M.) Chair and Co-Chair of the Conference, Chair of the Board of Trustees (Debbie G.), Executive Director (Vali F.) and Director of Programs (Marsha W.). See more info in the CLT letter on the members website as part of the Chair of the Board of Trustees' letter.

I hope that everyone is "In the Loop". "In the Loop" is the new "E-News" and all members are encouraged to go to the members' website and register to receive it directly through e-mail.

Hooray! The 2023 International Convention site has been chosen. It will be held in, pause, deep breath; Albuquerque, New Mexico.

As stated at the beginning of this report, this is the last meeting of Panel 55. It has been an Honor and Privilege, Educational and Humbling, Growth and Recovery to serve Michigan AFG. Thank you Panel 55: Members, GRs, AIS Liaisons, Host Committees, Thought and Task Forces, DRs, Past Delegates and Officers for their participation in the growth of Michigan AFG.

Thank you for this opportunity service.

*Learning and Growing Through Service*

*Mike Drumheller  
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