

DELEGATE REPORT: NOVEMBER 2011

Regional Trustee:

The US South Central Committee Members were informed that there are two candidates for South Central Regional Trustee who were nominated by the Nominating Committee at its October 2011 meeting:

We will not know until the Conference who has been chosen.

Thought Force composed of those with Al-Anon Convention experience:

Group Services is updating the guidelines *Al-Anon/Alateen Participation in an AA Area Convention*, (G-7) and *Al-Anon/Alateen Area Conventions*, (G-20). They were looking for members who have served as Chairs or Co-Chairs on conventions – both Al-Anon conventions and A.A. with Al-Anon participation.

I forwarded the memo to those I knew had such experience. Richard B. has submitted a resume to serve on that Thought Force. I have not yet heard back from WSO about who has or has not been chosen.

Another updated Guideline:

G-8: Taking a Group Inventory has recently been revised. It is now in two parts; part G-8a will look pretty familiar. It does have some new questions for Alateen members and Alateen groups. The second part, G-8b, suggests some methods on HOW to take a Group Inventory as well as some opportunity for additional reflections on your Group Inventory. You may download this and any/all of the Guidelines from the WSO member webpage. <http://al-anon.org/members/> On the sign-in page, you simply enter your home-group name followed by the letters, afg.

Thought Force on Utilizing the Service Manual

This is the Thought Force I have been serving on. We have recently had another Conference Call to decide who will do what in our presentation at the Conference. I volunteered to write the Framing Document -- then realized I had no idea how to do that. I finally had to surrender and ask for help. In our previous conversations (by phone and by e-mail) we had come up with a list of strategies. Various members of the committee have volunteered to develop the presentation on each strategy. We have to have our presentation ready by the last of this month to have it approved to be given at the World Service Conference in April.

In working on this Thought Force, I have found my own appreciation for and knowledge of the *Service Manual* increasing. It has also been a learning experience for the Thought Force/KBDM process in general. The tough part has been to restrict our participation to “Thought” and not jump ahead to trying to be a “Task” force.

CAL in Electronic Format:

During last year's Conference, members commented on their desire to have Conference Approved Literature available in various electronic formats in order to meet the evolving needs of our members as well as to attract younger audiences to Al-Anon Family Groups.

Questions continue to be asked about the impact of electronic literature since the sale of literature supports the majority of our service structures (most structures rely on 50 percent or more of their revenue from literature sales). Because of this, the Board believes that it is time to have an in-depth discussion with the Conference to hear your questions and concerns before the Board makes any final decisions on this issue.

To begin to test our process, the World Service Office is preparing to offer *The Forum* electronically as well as a book that is currently out of print contingent upon approval by the Executive Committee. These two items have been chosen because neither will impact the revenues of any of the entities mentioned above except the WSO. With approval, it is hoped that these items will be able to be tested before the Conference so that we have additional data and information to add to the discussion.

Electronically archiving the *Conference Summary* on the Members' Web Site

The WSO is in the process of electronically archiving all issues of the *Conference Summary* on the Members' Web Site so that members, groups, etc. have easy access to these reports for research and information. Knowledge-Based Decision-Making is an example of information an Area may be interested in reviewing. This project will be completed by archiving a decade at a time beginning with 2001-2010. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Please note that Ask-It-Basket questions and Conference Motions that include an answer or decision made in earlier years may not represent current office policy and procedures or the thinking of the Conference.

Area Inventory

TEAM Event

2018 International Convention these items will be discussed separately.

The Executive Director of Stepping Stones has asked the World Service Office to help spread the word that coach buses are not allowed on or near Stepping Stones.

Stepping Stones must prohibit—and will turn away—coach buses on or near the historic site. This is for the safety of Stepping Stones' visitors, as well as for the comfort of the neighbors of Stepping Stones, which is located in a dense residential community.

Also note that visitors may not visit Stepping Stones without an appointment.

Visitors may go to Stepping Stones via mini bus (28 passengers or less) with an appointment.

For more information, visit www.steppingstones.org.