

S-ANON
International



Family Groups

WSO UPDATE

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FINDING FREEDOM THROUGH SERVICE

Welcome. My name is Fatima B. and I am the current Chair of the Board of Trustees. I am excited and blessed to have the opportunity to communicate with you and share a bit of what the Board of Trustees does. I hope you find it helpful and informative. The topic of this first article is Service. What is it? What does it have to do with me? Along with members of the BOT and the Delegate body, in the next few WSO updates we will share what we do and how we got here in the hope that you will get a better understanding of how service plays an important role in S-Anon recovery.

When I first came to S-Anon, I came looking for answers. The path to find those answers I thought was by working the Steps and going to meetings. That's what I thought was "working the program." But that was only the beginning. I also found that understanding and applying the Traditions and Concepts added so much more to my recovery, because they helped me develop healthier relationships with God, others and myself. Providing

service magnified my recovery, because it got me out of my isolation and helped me to think about others instead of just myself. Service is a great way of putting into practice many aspects of the program. It helps me to develop healthy relationships, form great friendships, and ask for help or provide help when asked.

Service has also given me an environment where I can grow, where I can learn to give and receive in healthy ways. At the personal level, through sponsorship, I learned to trust again and to listen without judgement. At the group level I learned: how to deal with conflict, leadership, responsibility, accountability, how to come to a consensus, and how to speak up and not let others do for me what I should have been doing for myself. Above the group level I formed lasting friendships and built a support network for myself, all the while giving back to the fellowship. Service has given me a better understanding of cooperation and acceptance without compromising my own feelings or beliefs. In other words, I

can surrender to God and respect myself at the same time.

S-Anon needs members willing to do service work in order to function. Our Seventh Traditions states that we are "fully self-supporting," which refers to service within the fellowship, not just financial contributions. From welcoming the newcomer to providing resources to local groups, S-Anon needs volunteers to help develop literature and policies, help with finances, reach out to others, and organize and support events. Without all of these volunteers it would be next to impossible to provide adequate support or information. S-Anon needs all of us to carry the message in small and big ways.

In the next update I will go over our service structure and have a representative of the Delegate body and the Regional Trustees share their Experience, Strength, and Hope about providing service.

Fatima B.
BOT Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *January 18-20, 2019*
S-Anon and S-Ateen
International Convention
Nashville, TN
- *July 12, 2019*
World Service Conference
Seattle, WA
- *July 12-14, 2019*
S-Anon/S-Ateen/SA
International Convention
Seattle, WA

For more information or to register for a convention, visit www.sanon.org.

STEP TWELVE:
HAVING HAD A SPIRITUAL
AWAKENING AS A RESULT
OF THESE STEPS,
WE TRIED TO CARRY
THIS MESSAGE TO OTHERS.
AND TO PRACTICE
THESE PRINCIPLES
IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

I want to take a moment to introduce myself and say a little about the role I am now serving in and also explain why S-Anon sends out an appeal letter, asking members and groups to donate to the S-Anon World Service Office (WSO).

My name is Dawnielle A., and I have been a member of the Finance Committee (FC) since September 2015. In July 2018, the S-Anon Board of Trustees voted me in as Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair, one of the trusted servants our wonderful literature mentions.

The FC reviews the financial reports generated by the WSO that track our income

vs our expenses. We work in conjunction with the Board of Trustees and the WSO staff in the stewardship of the income entrusted to us to oversee the operation of the WSO and to provide S-Anon services.

These services, facilitated by a small dedicated paid staff, working out of compact rented space, include working with the volunteers and members to carry the S-Anon message of hope for recovery. The WSO staff answer phone calls and emails, store and ship out literature, maintain meeting locations, and see to the day-to-day operational requirements necessary for our fellowship to function and be available for the new-

comer, member, volunteer, etc.

Our individual groups provide fellowship and support for members and rely on individual 7th Tradition donations to be able to pay rent for the meeting location, have literature available for purchase, and other sundry items. Likewise, the WSO also needs 7th Tradition support from its individual members and groups to continue to provide services and literature. Please consider donating to the WSO to help us be there for you and others affected by another person's sexaholism.

A grateful trusted servant,

Dawnielle A.
Treasurer S-Anon



WSO BY THE NUMBERS

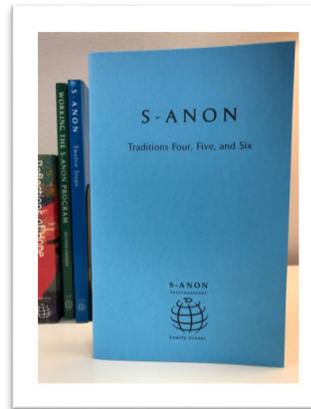
As of October 2018...

- 340 Registered Face-to-Face Meetings
- 8 Registered Phone & 11 Skype Meetings
- 1 S-Anon & 3 S-Ateen Online Meetings
- 2 S-Ateen Face-to-Face Meetings
- 14 Long Distance Sponsors
- 12 Phone Support

NEW LITERATURE

S-Anon Traditions Four, Five, and Six booklet is now available through the online store!

The new Traditions booklet was published in July 2018, just in time for the International Convention in St. Louis. Since the first Traditions booklet was published last year, we've had an overwhelming response from members and groups about these pieces. For the first time ever, we have S-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL) focused entirely on the Traditions from the S-Anon perspective which is an exciting accomplishment along the storyline of S-Anon's history.



The *S-Anon Traditions Four, Five, and Six* booklet is \$3.50 and can be purchased through the [online store](#).

The production of new CAL is one of the many signs of a healthy and active fellowship. From the writers to the editors and members of the World Service Conference who review

and approve new pieces, all CAL goes through a specific process to ensure that S-Anon literature maintains the integrity and accuracy of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. You can read more about the Conference Approval Process on the [Member Site](#).

Did you know that S-Anon members can contribute their stories for consideration for use in S-Anon's upcoming literature pieces? The Literature Committee is currently looking for shares on the Twelve Concepts. Please submit pieces to sanon@sanon.org with a [completed written release](#) with each story.

2018 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE: OUTCOMES AND ACTION

Done! We voted. We brainstormed. We learned. We survived, and even thrived, at the 15th Annual World Service Conference in St. Louis. Each year the Conference serves as a marker for how we're growing up as a Fellowship.

First of all, a big hurrah should go to the members of the St. Louis host committee for their nonstop logistics support, patience, and ability to find answers to every question. We also thank everyone who contributed ideas during our small group session. And finally, thank you to each member of the Conference who offered pro and con statements on the motions, actively listened to both sides, and thoughtfully voted. It was a full day of Recovery in Action.

Here's how your World Service Conference voted on the three motions that were presented this year.

Motion One

(Failed: 15 yes / 17 no / 1 abstained)

Move that the World Service Conference approve a Fellowship-Wide Group Conscience (FWGC), to be implemented by the World Service Office, instructing the Board of Trustees to remove all references to any specific sexual addiction recovery program mentioned in the S-Anon Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and S-Ateen Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

Motion Two

(Passed unanimously)

Move that the World Service Conference approve a new piece of Conference Approved Literature in book form, to be produced by the S-Anon Literature Committee. This would consist of existing S-Anews stories. It would be similar to the Al-Anon "Forum," and the A.A.



publication *Came To Believe: The Spiritual Adventure of A.A. as Experienced by Individual Members*.

Motion Three

(Passed: 28 yes / 5 no)

Move that the World Service Conference vote to restructure the Regions by removing Canada from the current Northwest and Northeast Regions and creating two new Regions: Western Canada and Central Eastern Canada. Each new Region will have its own Trustee to serve on the S-Anon Board of Trustees (BOT).

Small Group Ideas and Next Steps

We've come a long way in establishing how to bring motions to the WSC in the fairest way possible. However, we still have instances when a motion is made, but it doesn't come up for a vote. This year we broke into small groups to wrestle with the "Unresolved Motions" issue. The groups talked about three questions:

- 1) What steps can the World Service Conference Committee (WSCC) take to ensure that each motion

submitted receives fair processing and full consideration?

- 2) What suggestions do you have for the WSCC to deal with unresolved motions?
- 3) Have you ever submitted a motion to the WSC, and what was your experience?

The session generated ideas and perspectives that will help the WSCC keep motion makers involved before the Conference, do more follow up with other committees, and better prepare Delegates to vote their consciences. There will be more to come at our Nashville Convention in January. Stay tuned!

If you'd like to learn about how the WSC impacts you and your local groups, we welcome your questions. Contact the World Service Conference Committee at wscchair@gmail.com.

-Cindy F.,
World Service Conference
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THE WSO HAS A NEW HOME!

It has been a busy summer for the WSO staff! From packing and decluttering to setting up computers, printers, and phones, we survived the relocation of the WSO and have settled into our new office. Located just a couple of miles from the old office, we luckily didn't have to travel far to find a space that offers a long term, sustainable rent rate. And no need to worry about updating your records, our mailing address will stay the same.

PREPARING FOR THE NASHVILLE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Have you registered yet?

Just three short months away and S-Anon members will gather in Nashville, TN for the first ever S-Anon and S-Ateen only International Convention.

The current registration cost is \$120.00 and on November 1, 2018, will increase to \$130.00. S-Ateen members are only \$10.00.

[Register Now!](#)

The Inn at Opryland

The room block for attendees is 82% full but no need to fret, we will increase the block as much as we need to.

Hotel rooms at the discounted rate of \$139.00 need to be booked before January 4, 2019, and are available January 15-23, 2019.

[Reserve Hotel Room](#)

S-ANON & S-ATEEN
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
NASHVILLE, TN
JANUARY 18-20, 2019
WE'RE PLAYING OUR RECOVERY SONG

Where to Eat

A catered continental breakfast will be available both Saturday and Sunday morning and light snacks will be available throughout the event. Unlike previous International

Conventions, meals will not be provided. Rather, attendees will have an opportunity to choose from multiple restaurants surrounding the hotel for lunch and dinner.

[View Area Map](#)

What about the program?

The program has been developed, and once the room logistics have been finalized, an official program will be published. Four speakers have been invited to share their stories, and there will be a general session called "Stages of Recovery" that will feature three S-Anon members ranging from the Newcomer to the Old Timer.

Here is a sneak peek at some meetings you can expect:

- Digging Deep & Sharing My Baggage
- Regaining My Self-Esteem
- Dealing with My Anger
- I Always Have Choices
- Keeping My Side of the Street Clean
- Courage to Change

Join the Discussion

Find roommates, make group travel arrangements, plan meals or activities, or ask questions! Join the online discussion board to connect with attending members and receive event updates.

[Join Nashville IC Group](#)