



WSO UPDATE

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE WSO?

What's going on at the World Service Office in Nashville? Here's recap of a few of the projects.

Website Makeover

When the website renovation is complete, hopefully by mid year, look for the following changes:

Shift in Platform

Our current website is built on the Joomla platform, which is being phased out. Our new website is being built on the popular WordPress platform which will give the site a cleaner, more modern look. We think you'll like the website's new look.

More Focus on Newcomers

Today, in addition to carrying the message to newcomers and housing the online store, sanon.org is a repository of information for members doing service at the individual, group, intergroup, regional, and international levels. After the website makeover, when you visit sanon.org, you will see a pared down site that focuses on carrying the message to newcomers,

connecting people with meetings, and selling literature.

New Trusted Servants' Site

All the service-related content currently housed on sanon.org will be moved to a special section of the website known as the Trusted Servants' Area (also known as the Members' Only Area). Accessible by password, this section will give trusted servants easy access to all the information needed to keep groups, intergroups, and the fellowship at large growing and thriving. Policies, forms and other documents will be stored here. There will also be a section where you'll be able to access and download all service literature PDFs from one place. Eventually, you'll be able to access an online version of the S-Anon/S-Ateen Service Manual (SSSM) from the Trusted Servants' Area.

Service Manual Content & Delivery Project

Two ad hoc committees are working on this project. The Content Ad Hoc Committee is comparing lan-

guage written in 2015 with the language in the 2007 version and will be making recommendations later this year. Meanwhile, the Delivery Ad Hoc Committee is testing an online service to house our Service Manual and make it easier for updates to be published and distributed to the fellowship. That test is happening in February and we are excited about the possibilities.

Change in eBook Sales

Both the sale of ebooks and the order fulfillment process are now handled by a third-party provider. When you visit our store on sanon.org, you'll still be able to see all the ebooks available. If you click on a title to buy it, you will be routed to the third-party site to pay for your order. The good news is that you'll be able to download your ebooks instantaneously. No more waiting 24 hours (or more) to receive your ebook.

Questions? Give us a call at (800) 210-8141 or email us at sanon@sanon.org. We love to hear from you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 14, 2017
S-Anon World Service Conference
Newark, NJ
- July 14—16, 2017
S-Anon International Convention
Newark, NJ

S-Anon and S-Ateen members can register for upcoming International Conventions at sanon.org/meetings/events.html.

RE-REGISTER YOUR GROUP

First quarter of each year is Group Verification time. Please submit an updated Group Registration Form to ensure that WSO staff members give out accurate information about your Group.

Access the form at www.sanon.org/groups/RegistrationGroupContactForm.pdf.

Return the completed Group Registration Form to the WSO by email, fax or U.S. mail by April 15, 2017. See the last page for WSO contact information.

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Wanted: Cities to Host International Conventions

If members in your area are looking for a service project, why not consider hosting an International Convention? Host cities are needed for conventions in 2019 and beyond. A wide array of tools, templates and resources are available to assist planning teams. If you're interested and would like to learn more, contact the WSO at sanon@sanon.org or (800) 210-8141.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

In just a few short months (six, to be exact), the current Treasurer will complete her term of service and will be rotating out of the position.

We need a replacement.

If you have financial acumen and a desire to give back to the fellowship, please consider serving in this important position.

Ideal candidates will have financial experience and have worked a Twelve-Step program of recovery for at least five years. A strong grounding in the Traditions and Concepts is highly desirable.

The Treasurer position will be open as of August 2017. Please consider volunteering for this important service role.

The Treasurer participates in three phone meetings each month: the Board of Trustees meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, the Executive

Committee meeting on the third Tuesday of the month, and the Finance Committee meeting on the third Monday of each month.

Anyone interested in applying for or learning more about this role is encouraged to join the Finance Committee for a few

months to get a better idea what the Treasurer role involves and to see how the position is supported by members of the Finance Committee.

Interested? Just let us know. For more information, please contact the Finance Committee Chairperson at sanon@sanon.org.



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2017 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

Though it will be several months before the World Service Conference (WSC) convenes in Newark this July, the World Service Conference Committee (WSCC) has been laying the groundwork for this important gathering. What should you do to prepare?

Check to make sure your Area is represented.

Delegates representing each of the 54 Areas in North America bring the voice of the Groups to the WSC. Is your Area represented? If not, consider serving as a Delegate. For more information, contact the WSO.

Make a motion.

Is there an issue you believe is impacting the fellowship as a whole that you would like the WSC to address? Consider submitting your idea for a solution in the form of a motion. (Motion forms are available on the S-Anon website and from the WSO.)

If you need help writing your motion, there are resources to assist you. Download *How to Write a*

Motion from the online store or call the WSO to be connected with people who can provide mentorship and assistance as you write the motion.

Once your motion form is complete, submit it for consideration through your Area Delegate, a Regional Trustee or a Trustee at Large. The WSO can provide contact information for those members, if needed. All motions must be in the hands of the WSCC no later than March 1, 2017. If you plan to submit a motion, make sure your Delegate or Trustee has the motion at least two weeks before the deadline.

WSCC members review submitted motions to make sure they are "in order." The submitter of the motion may be contacted if there is any way the motion would benefit from clarification. The Trustees insert additional information, if necessary, and the Finance Committee assesses any financial impact that the motion could have on the fellowship. The motions are then sent to WSC members for consideration prior to discussion at the WSC.

View the motions.
Motions slated for discussion

at the 2017 WSC will be available for viewing and download from the S-Anon website starting around May 1. Reading the motions can be a great way for members to learn more about how the Traditions and Concepts apply to fellowship business.

Use your voice.

Individual Groups take part in the Group Conscience of S-Anon through participation in S-Anon's service structure. In June and July, Groups throughout North America will be holding special business meetings to discuss the motions. The Group Conscience decisions and the main discussion points are communicated to Area Delegates, who represent the Groups in their Area at the World Service Conference.

Observe the WSC.

Are you curious about what really happens at a WSC? Consider arriving at the International Convention in Newark a day early to observe the World Service Conference. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 14. A special area is reserved for members to watch the proceedings.

Need more information? Contact the WSO at (800) 210-8141.

Trusted servants are needed to fill a variety of positions in the S-Anon service structure. Contact the WSO to volunteer for one of the following roles:

- Archives
Committee Chair
- Northeast Regional Trustee
- Southeast Regional Trustee
- Area Delegates for Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Ohio, and Wisconsin
- Area Delegates for Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, and West Virginia
- Area Delegates for Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Western Canada
- Area Delegates for Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina,
- Area Delegate for Oklahoma
- Area Delegate for Hawaii
- Delegate for the Phone Meetings

WHEN THINGS CHANGE, LET THE WSO KNOW!

Whenever your group changes its meeting day, time, location, or contact person, let the WSO

know. Our ability to refer inquirers to meetings is only as good as the information we get from our group con-

tacts. So please take a moment to let us know when things change. A call or email will do!

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If your S-Anon group is looking for a way to be of service, the Group Service Sponsor Program is for you. Group Service Sponsors help fledgling S-Anon groups get off to a good start and help them apply the Twelve Traditions in response to common challenges.

If you are involved in a healthy and thriving S-Anon group that would like to offer this important form of service, please contact the WSO to request a sign-up form. If your S-Anon group would benefit from the guidance of a Group Service Sponsor, call or email the WSO and we will connect you with a group willing to help.

BRIEFS

Now Available: Trabajando el Programa de S-Anon

The Spanish edition of *Working the S-Anon Program* is now available in ebook format.

Visit www.sanon.org/Store/books/ebooks.html to order.

Traditions Work Update

With the help of Higher Power, the Literature Committee's Tradition writing is in process. Much work was already done before this current effort, and each Tradition already had an outline and a draft in place. However, much work remains to be done as well, as the previous drafts need rather extensive revision for content, clarity, tone, voice, and flow. The process for each Tradition is

that the Sponsoring Editors revise the current draft and send it to the other Editors, who offer their suggestions. The Sponsoring Editors revise the draft based on the input of the Editors and send that copy to the Readers, who give their input. The Sponsoring Editors then incorporate this feedback into a new revision and send it to the Editors for further review and input. The Literature Chairperson sends the final draft for Conference Approval. Thus, the Tradition piece gradually emerges and is refined by HP speaking through the voices of many members.

Traditions One and Two were Conference Approved this past year. The Editors

received Tradition Three in mid-December for their first round of input, and the Sponsoring Editors are currently working on Tradition Four. For more information, contact the Literature Committee Chairperson at sanon@sanon.org.

WANTED: Long Distance Sponsors

The demand for long-distance sponsors and members willing to provide phone support continues to exceed the supply. Please consider volunteering for this important service. Sign-up forms are available at www.sanon.org or from the WSO. Questions about this important form of service? Just give us a call.



WSO BY THE NUMBERS

As of January 10...

- 337 Registered Face-to-Face Meetings
- 6 Registered Phone Meetings
- 7 Registered Skype Meetings (including 4 in Spanish)
- 10 Long-Distance Sponsors
- 46 Lone Members