

# DELEGATE'S REPORT

Area Assembly  
February 28, 2026

Brenda Ki

Panel 64

In Service We Soar

Indiana

# World Service Conference

*75 Years, One Purpose*  
*75 años, un propósito*  
*75 ans, un but*

April 20-24, 2026

Newport News Marriott at City Center,  
Newport News, VA

I will be arriving April 19 and leaving on April 26, after the celebration.

## Al-Anon turns 75 in 2026!!!

- ▶ Board approved a 75<sup>th</sup> celebration after 2026 WSC
- ▶ Tickets went on sale November 12, 2025, and sold out faster than expected
- ▶ Additional tickets were available Feb 11. How many were able to get tickets?

Tickets are \$75 each. Hotels have sold out, but they are working on more arrangements.

Love Gifts, letters and cards only, to  
arrive after April 17

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Conference Member Name  
(Hold for WSC 4/20-4/24, 2026)  
Newport News Marriott at City Center  
740 Town Center Dr.  
Newport News, VA 23606

My birthday is April 19!!

## Choosing a Group Name Policy

- ▶ Will be reviewing and voting on the Policy at the 2026 WSC
- ▶ After my presentation, we'll have a more focused discussion
- ▶ Any questions, please see me after the Assembly

Following the 2024 WSC, there was some confusion and a lot of discussion about the new policy on Choosing a Group Name. During the 2025 WSC, it was decided to take back to the groups concerns to bring to me to take to the 2026 WSC.

From the WSO: It was never the Policy Committee's intention to direct Staff to enforce the "Choosing a Group's Name" Policy implementation on existing groups—ever.

## First Question:

How much  
electronic  
literature do we  
have?

18



# Newest E-Reader



## PRODUCTS

- Books
- Pamphlets
- Workbooks
- Bookmarks
- ▶ Digital Products
- Magazines
- Group Supplies

12 books,  
3 audio books  
1 DVD  
1 Newcomer packet  
Forum

Newest E-Reader available. Order on the [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org)

Available in many digital means. Will release a new reader every 3 months after the initial 6 month trial.

## Board of Trustees

Currently we have 18 Trustees

9 Regional

9 At large

Discussion about utilizing a single trustee process

Concerns: Leave out Canadian Trustees as non of the current at large members are from Canada

**\*\*Kudos to Indiana for being one of the states that has a process for vetting potential Trustees.**

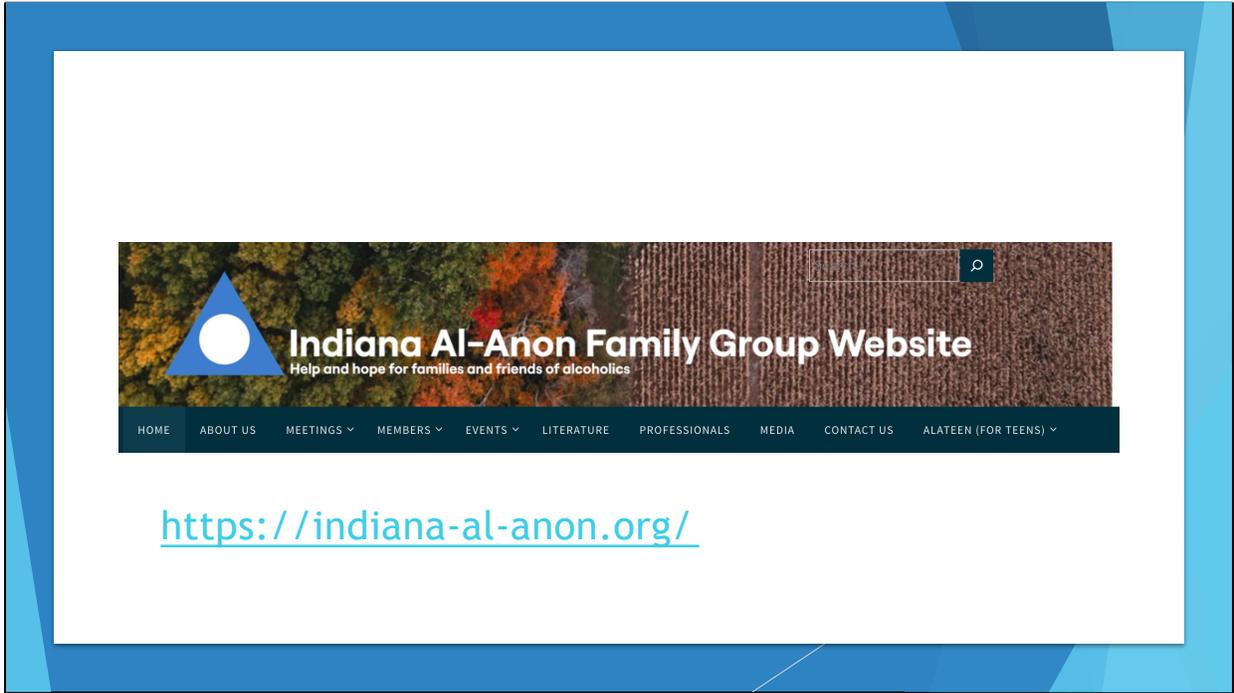
We currently have vacancies in our Trustee positions, and the WSC is identifying solutions to this ongoing problem.

Kudos to Indiana for being one of the states with a process in place for vetting potential trustees. Since our July Assembly, I did forward Miriam's application before the deadline. Fingers crossed!!



How many subscribe to "In the Loop"?

Keep up to date on what's going on at the WSO delivered right to your email.



How many know what our Area website looks like?

## Budget Discussion

100 percent of groups are using services; 62 percent of groups contributed in 2024

### What are the services used?

Getting your group registered

Reading CAL at meetings

Calling WSO to find a meeting

Using the *Mobile App* for a Zoom meeting

PSAs playing on TV stations

Did you know that 100% of the groups use the services provided by the WSO, and only 62% contribute?

What's the difference between "donate" and "contribute"? The main difference is that

**"donate"** is a specific type of giving, typically a gift of money or goods to a charity, while **"contribute"** is a more general term that includes donations but also other forms of support, such as giving time, skills, or services. You **donate** to a specific cause without expecting a return, while you **contribute** to help achieve a goal, which can be a one-time gift or a broader, ongoing effort.

## Example Cost per Group by Service Arm

Service Arm	Number of Groups	Annual Expenses	Annual Cost per Group	Percentage
WSO (Actual)	13,000	Varies	\$300	45%
Area (Actual)	182	\$21,288.61	\$117	18%
District (Estimate)	13	\$1,200	\$92	15%
AIS/LDC (Estimate)	80	\$12,000*	\$150	22%

\$659 total

\*Excludes literature purchases

WSO slide

Here are some examples.

**The WSO** listed the cost of supporting a group as \$321, but this is rounded to \$300.

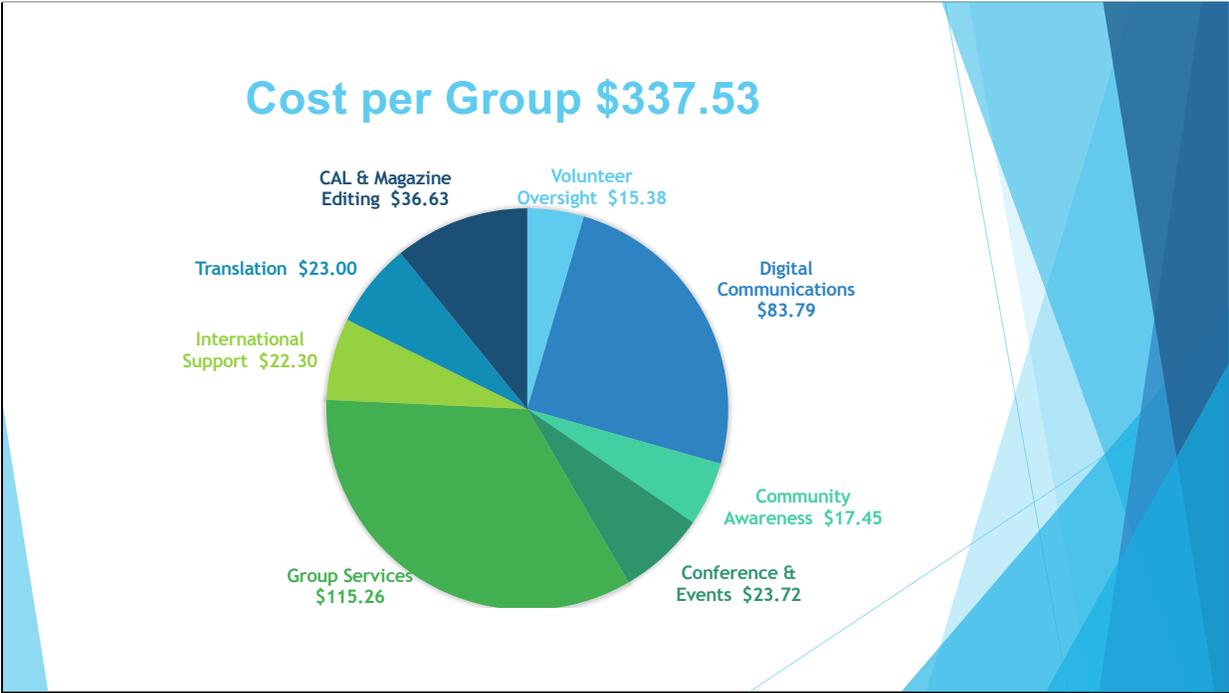
**The Indiana Area** budget was \$21,288.61 with a total of 182 groups. As of end of 2024

**The District** has a budget of \$1,200 and 13 groups; that's \$92 per group per year.

**Your AIS/LDC** with a budget of \$12,000 divided by 80 groups is \$150 per group per year. (Estimate)

A group that is fully self-supporting would contribute in total \$659 ( $\$300 + \$117 + 92 + \$150 = \$659$ ) to the four different service arms.

Look at the percentages.



Cost per group

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP HEADQUARTERS, INC.  
2025 OPERATING BUDGET**

	<b>2025 Preliminary Budget</b>	2024 Revised Budget	2024 Audited Actual
<b>Total Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>6,495,766</b>	6,195,820	6,353,125
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>6,359,795</b>	5,997,965	5,891,481
<b>Net increase(decrease) from Operations</b>	<b>135,970</b>	197,860	461,644

## Financial Picture

Financial picture

## Expenses:

### Program Services



Registers new groups



Supports international structures



Maintains and updates meeting location records



Produces exciting new literature



Prepares program and staffs the World Service Conference (WSC)



Maintains our website and *Mobile App*, enhances communications, and develops PSAs

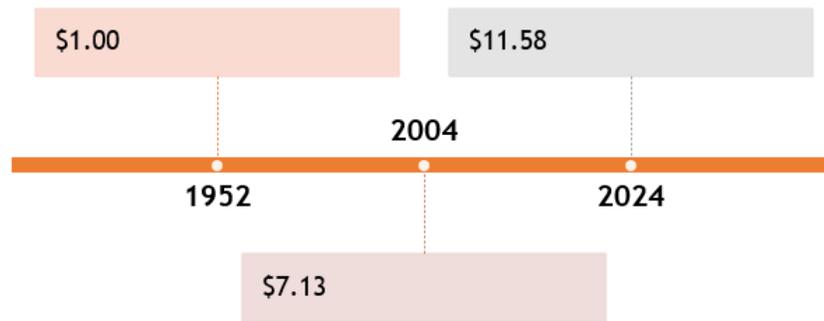


Attends professional conferences to share the Al-Anon message

  
Al-Anon Family Groups  
Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

Here is an overview of the program services that benefit all groups, and this is the largest part of our expenditures.

## The Power of \$1



Power of \$1

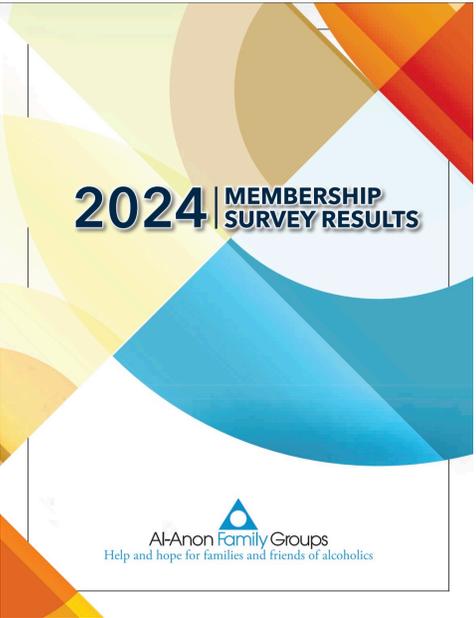
## 2028 Al-Anon International Convention

- 14 bids were submitted
- 400 volunteers are requested
- Great, it's in the Midwest, drivable!!
- So EXCITING!!!
- LET'S GO!!!!



2028 International Convention: Minneapolis, MN July 20-22, 2028

Drivable from Indiana for sure.



The graphic features a stylized background of overlapping circles and triangles in shades of yellow, orange, and blue. The text '2024 | MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS' is prominently displayed in the upper left. At the bottom center, the Al-Anon Family Groups logo is shown, consisting of a blue triangle with a white circle inside, above the text 'Al-Anon Family Groups' and the tagline 'Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics'.

- ▶ Survey shared with professionals for research
- ▶ Act of Service
- ▶ Every 3 years

<https://al-anon.org/resources-for-professionals/membership-survey/>

How important is it? Does anyone read it?

Does it work if you work it? PhD doctoral thesis reported to the Board of Trustees July Board meeting.

A hand holding a compass over a road in a desert landscape. The hand is wearing a green sleeve. The road is paved and leads into the distance, flanked by dry, yellowish hills under a clear sky. The image is overlaid with a blue geometric pattern on the right side.

## Road Trip - You and Your Board Connect

► **2026 location will be:**

**Chicago, Illinois,**

**October 19-24, 2026.**

Road Trip – You and Your Board Connect is a yearly event in which the Board members have their Board meeting during the week and then plan events for the weekend with the members of that Area.

This year's was held in Nebraska in October.

Next Question  
What is the  
Home of Lois  
and Bill Wilson  
called?

Stepping Stones





## Stepping Stones 2025

Looking at ways to keep trip going in current economics. Very emotional conversations.

2 Questions were posed:

Do the groups in your area believe it's important for the Delegates to visit Stepping Stones?

If so, how does it Benefit your Area?

The question isn't about visiting Stepping Stones rather the cost of holding WSC in the NY/CT area.

Some suggestions:

Looking at 3 budget vs year to year for delegate assessment

Special appeal letter yearly specific to the Stepping Stones visit

What suggestions can we come up with?



## Things I look forward to in my third year as delegate:

- ▶ Feeling more comfortable in my last year at the WSC
- ▶ Participating in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- ▶ I'm humbled to serve, and while I feel woefully ill prepared, everyone at the WSC made me feel welcome, and accepted.

***THANK YOU, INDIANA!!!!!!***