



WSO UPDATE

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE WSO?

Staffing Changes

After six years of dedicated service, Gayla Z. has resigned as Executive Director of the S-Anon World Service Office. During Gayla's time as ED, she has been a champion for S-Anon and positioned the fellowship for growth. Her leadership both within the office and service structure has been one of passion, influence, and respect. Gayla's legacy has already rippled throughout the S-Anon program, leaving a lasting impact and setting the stage for our new Executive Director.

Stepping into this role is Lindsay W., both an S-Anon

member and an integral part of the WSO team where she has been the Administrative Assistant for five years. Applying her Sociology degree, extensive background in non-profit operations and experience, strength and hope from co-owning a private business, Lindsay W. is a perfect fit to guide S

-Anon through this next phase of our journey.

New CAL

We are pleased to announce that Traditions One, Two, and Three are now Conference Approved Literature and will be published in booklet form using the same format as used for the Steps in *S-Anon Twelve Steps* (the blue book). Each section includes a general description, stories from several members, insights that can help us embrace the Traditions' spiritual principles,

and questions to consider when studying the Traditions either individually or as a group. We plan to have the booklet

available for purchase in July 2017 at the Newark International Convention and from our online store.

Annual Registration

A big thank-you goes out to the S-Anon Groups that answered the call to send in an updated Group Registration Form. The WSO staff

greatly appreciates your willingness to help us keep our records current.

International News

Seeing S-Anon literature translated into multiple languages sparks hope that the S-Anon message of recovery is spreading around the world.

Our latest international news comes from meetings involving Italian and Spanish S-Anon members. Both the Italian Readings/Suggested Meeting Format as well as Spanish S-Ateen Service Literature have been added to our online store and

Literature Order Form.

We also have forward movement rising up in Israel and Iran. Our program members in Israel have completed license agreements to translate the Newcomers' Booklet, *Reflections of Hope*, and the S-Anon Meeting Format. In Iran, members have completed translation agreements for *Working the S-Anon Program*, *S-Anon Twelve Steps*, and various pamphlets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 14, 2017
S-Anon World Service Conference
Newark, NJ
- July 14-16, 2017
S-Anon International Convention
Newark, NJ
- January 12-14, 2018
S-Anon International Convention
San Antonio, TX
- July 13, 2018
S-Anon World Service Conference
St. Louis, MO
- July 13-15, 2018
S-Anon International Convention
St. Louis, MO

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



WSO BY THE NUMBERS

As of May 10...

- 335 Face-to-Face Groups
- 6 Phone & 8 Skype Groups
- 1 S-Anon & 2 S-Ateen Online Groups

S-ATEEN NEWS

S-Ateen is a fellowship of young people, ages 12 to 19, whose lives have been affected by sexaholism in a family member or friend.

As stated in the S-Anon World Service Conference Charter, the term S-Anon is to include S-Ateen. In accordance with Tradition 3, in the absence of local S-Ateen groups, S-Ateen members have been welcome into S-Anon meetings since 1996. Still today, S-Ateen members are encouraged to attend local S-Anon meetings as well as S-Anon breakout sessions at local, regional, national, and international events.

When planning an upcoming S-

Anon event, consider including and proactively inviting S-Ateen members. The S-Ateen Committee can provide S-Ateen breakout topics and help schedule certified S-Ateen Group Sponsors. Certification of local S-Anon members in your host community is recommended, however, to allow for the start of a local face-to-face S-Ateen group following your event. S-Ateen Group Sponsor training is straightforward, relatively simple, and can usually be completed in a timely manner.

At the recent SA/S-Anon Convention in Warsaw, Poland, the S-Ateen Committee

Chair, together with an S-Ateen member, Skyped into a well-attended open breakout on family recovery. This is just one of many ways to introduce S-Ateen to your local community and extend the hand of recovery to younger family members.

All S-Ateen members are also encouraged to join the S-Ateen Online Community which hosts weekly voice meetings, a step study, topics for discussion, a daily devotional, and a calendar of events. For more information, about the S-Ateen fellowship contact the WSO.



Tradition Three

The relatives of sexaholics, when gathered together for mutual aid, may call themselves an S-Anon Family Group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of sexaholism in a relative or friend.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

Members often wonder what happens to donations sent to the World Service Office (WSO). Where does the money go?

Donations from members, groups and events fund a variety of activities that enable the WSO to carry the message and provide mission-critical support to members and groups worldwide.

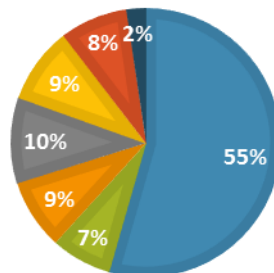
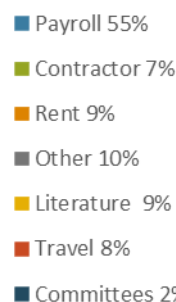
Donations enable us to pay staff members who answer phones, respond to inquiries, fill literature orders, provide support to groups and trusted servants, and manage S-Anon's business operations. Your donations also enable us to publish literature, pay rent, reimburse Delegates

and BOT members for a portion of their travel expenses to attend the World Service Conference, compensate professionals to help us with financial matters and to maintain our website. The WSO operates on a lean budget with strict spending guidelines. The Finance Committee monitors finan-

cial performance, approving large expenditures according to policy. The WSO and Finance Committee work together to be good stewards of donations, making sure that member contributions are used wisely.

Katherine C., Treasurer

S-ANON 2017 EXPENSE BUDGET



*Other includes Supplies, Telephone/Internet, Insurance, Postage, Fees

ON TAP FOR DISCUSSION: 2017 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

Members of the World Service Conference (WSC) will be considering a number of questions in Newark this July. Below is an overview of the motions on the agenda.

MOTION 1

Move that the booklet, "Recovering Together: Issues Faced by Couples" be reclassified as Service Literature, and removed from the list of Conference Approved Literature.

The intent to reclassify this booklet is to be up to date with guidelines which states that CAL focuses on how members use the tools of the S-Anon program and Service literature primarily offers suggestions on "how to" conduct certain activities, such as starting a meeting, hosting marathons and international conventions, and handling business matters.

MOTION 2

To approve updates and wording changes to the World Service Conference Charter.

The proposed changes are meant to clarify meaning, eliminate redundant language, and incorporate changes approved by WSC since 2013 when the Charter was last updated.

MOTION 3

To direct the World Service Conference to call for a Fellowship-Wide Group

Conscience to remove all references in S-Anon literature and S-Anon writings specific to the group Sexaholics Anonymous (SA) and replace all references to "sexaholics" (which indicates members of that particular group) to more inclusive language "sexually addicted people."

By separating S-Anon and the language of our literature from SA, we establish boundaries and protect ourselves from becoming involved in "outside issues."

MOTION 4

Move that Couples in Recovery (CR) meetings no longer be a part of S-Anon.

Couples in Recovery (CR) Meetings are a tool used by some S-Anon members to enhance personal recovery in their intimate relationships. They have been recognized within S-Anon, almost since its founding, as "special meetings." They are not now, and never have been "registered groups." The WSO is aware of 12-15 CR meetings in North America, approximately one CR meeting for every 25-30 registered S-Anon groups.

Controversy and disunity have arisen within the Fellowship regarding these meetings, with some members holding that sanctioning and support of these meetings violates S-Anon's Third Tradition.

The S-Anon Board of Trus-

tees (BOT) has made operational decisions based on a perception that CR meetings violate Tradition Three because non-S-Anon members are invited to attend and because (in some cases) attendance is limited to "couples."

The intent of this motion is to ask the WSC to overturn the 20-year-old group conscience on the couples' meeting issue. This fundamental WSC decision will provide the basis for future operational decisions about the status of couples' meetings and their support by the WSO.

Want More Information?

Motions are available for review on the S-Anon website at www.sanon.org. Contact your Regional Trustee, Area Delegate or the WSO for more information.

If you are interested in representing your Area as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, or you would like contact information for a Trustee or Delegate in your Area, contact the WSO at (800) 210-8141 or sanon@sanon.org.

Attend the WSC as an Observer

Only WSC members are permitted to participate in the discussion and vote on motions but anyone from the S-Anon fellowship may attend the meeting as an observer to watch the proceedings.



Trusted servants are needed to fill a variety of positions in the S-Anon service structure. The following roles are available now:

BOT

Archives Committee Chair, Southeast Regional Trustee, Finance Committee Chair/BOT Treasurer

Area Delegates

- Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin in the Midwest Region
- Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Eastern Canada in the Northeast Region
- Alaska, Montana and Western Canada in the Northwest Region
- Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina in the Southeast Region
- Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma in the Southwest Region
- Hawaii in the West Region

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WWW.SANON.ORG



New S-Anon Website

In efforts to simplify content for S-Anon newcomers and provide a more succinct experience online for current members, our WSO Webmaster has been working hard to develop a brand new and formulated S-Anon website.

We expect the site to go live by the end of this year, aiming primarily to assist newcomers who may feel conflicted or unsure about their qualification within this program and where their local and/or regional support can be located.

BRIEFS

WANTED: Long Distance Sponsors

The demand for long-distance sponsors and members willing to provide phone support currently exceeds the supply. Please consider volunteering for this important service. Sign-up forms are available at www.sanon.org or from the WSO.

Attention Event Planners!

If you are looking for speakers for your event, call the WSO to request a list of members willing to share their stories.

Join the Speakers' Pool

The WSO is always looking for new members to add to the Speakers' Pool, the corps of members willing to share their experience, strength and

hope at marathons, retreats and conventions. To learn more about the requirements or to register, visit the Downloadable Forms section of the Group Resources/Materials page at www.sanon.org.

Know Your Group ID

Did you know that every group that completes a Group Registration Form, purchases literature or makes a donation to the WSO is assigned a Group ID number? Make it a point to know your Group ID and keep it in a place where all in your group can access it. Don't know your Group ID? Email sanon@sanon.org or call (800) 210-8141.

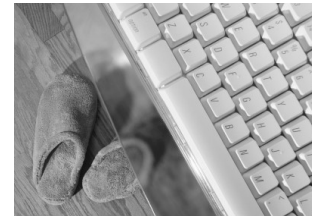
Attention Intergroups!

Don't forget the WSO when

you're issuing your meeting lists and distributing flyers about your events. Please include sanon@sanon.org to your distribution lists so we can make sure our information is up to date.

When Things Change, Let the WSO Know!

Please notify the WSO whenever you change your meeting day, time, location or contact person. The WSO's ability to refer inquirers to meetings is only as good as the information we get from our group contacts. So please take a moment to let us know when things change.



ONLINE S-ANON MEETING

Sexaholism is a 24/7 problem. The Progress Meeting, an online S-Anon meeting, can offer support when getting to a live meeting just isn't possible. To join this group send an email to progress-meeting-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.