Welcome Al-Anon Family,

As your Delegate, I had the privilege of attending a virtual presentation of the Chairman of the Board (COB) letter on August 6, 2022.

The Board of Trustees met in person in July, for the first time since 2020, at the WSO Headquarters, in Virginia Beach. In the future the January Board meeting will be held virtually, as a cost saving measure, to eliminate winter travel, and perhaps fewer travel commitments will attract more Trustees applications.

The Board approved a revised 2022 deficit budget of \$332,730 (which is slightly improved over the \$353,114 prior deficit). This improvement was mainly due to the response from the special appeal letter. Literature sales have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. Literature prices were increased August 1, 2022. All CAL books will be transitioned to eBooks. This decision was made in insure CAL is available to all members. Both the price increase and eBook decision were made due to increased printing costs, and shortages.

The Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) has recommended postponing or reducing the scope of several current Strategies. Many of the special projects are continuing, such as the new daily reader, Electronic Meeting transformation, 2023 International Convention in Albuquerque, and the 2022 Road Trip!

The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) reported on plans for the 2023 World Service Conference (WSC). This will begin a three year trial of reducing the WSC to four days. It will be held in Virginia Beach from April 20-23, 2023. This decision was made based on feedback from the Delegates, to reduce time away from their personal and professional lives.

Once the presentation is finalized and translated, it will be available for all of you to read on the WSO website, <u>al-anon.org</u>. I encourage each of you to read the entire report and pass this information along to your groups.

With love in service, Ann F Ohio Delegate Panel 61