

**DELEGATE:**

Cathy Trojan
May 18, 2013

Greetings to Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan:

I have so much to tell you all and I will try to fit most of it in during my report at the Spring Assembly. I just wanted to give you a list of the few highlights in this short version:

There was a Discussion on Memorial Contributions. These are contributions made by non-al-anon family members to WSO in memory of an Al-Anon member.

We had a presentation from the Task Force to create a "Piece with Criteria to Help Service Arms Identify Service Jobs for Dual Members". I have a copy to share with the area.

The policy committee presented proposed changes to pages 88-91 of our Service Manual pertaining to anonymity. As we went through these changes page by page, I was reminded of our area policy meetings and I so missed Jim's enlightening comments on policy changes. ☺

Our Chosen Agenda Item for today was "Improving the Retention of Newcomers and Experienced Al-Anon Members". I believe we will be discussing this at our Spring Assembly in break-out groups.

There is some exciting news about a piece of literature that is a "sister" piece to S71 on Conflict Resolution. This new piece is in a "flip-card" format that uses the Twelve Traditions in Conflict Resolution. We all received a copy of S72. The cost will be \$4, but I don't know if it is available yet.

We went over the policy changes to Public (Relations) Outreach, pages 107-109 in the Service Manual. They were quite lengthy and I brought back a copy for you all to see.

We approved the 2012 Financial Reports and the 2013 Budget.

We learned about another piece of literature that will be offered as an e book. It is the paperback version of "How Al-Anon Works" which will sell for \$11.99 and will be available soon. This book will also be available as an audio book later this year at the price of \$24.99. There is a problem with vendors in getting the *Forum* available in a digital format. It is being worked on by the WSO.



It is now official at the WSO that Area 61 is now known as Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

There is a new envelope for members to use for personal contributions to WSO, which has a logo of a high-heeled shoe in honor of Lois. I brought a few back with me.

We had an awesome discussion on the need for a piece of literature geared to the parents and grandparents of teens/young adults who drink too much – so much emotion.

I feel we accomplished a lot during this conference and I made many new friends. I got to know the delegates from our region a little better and hope to keep in touch throughout the year. The members of Panel 51 were given the opportunity to give 3 minute talks about their journey in service by relating it to this year's theme, *Our Legacies: The spiritual Journey of Changing "Me" to "We"* and two were also our spiritual speakers at our closing dinner this evening. Then they put on a farewell skit showing in a humorous way the highlights of their term. Panels 52 and 53 will have a hard time following their enthusiasm. Panel 53 has chosen to carry on this year's theme by choosing as our slogan "Panel 53: Changing Me to We". We feel this is a good way to honor all the good work that the panels before us have done.

Thank you for letting me serve you as Delegate.

Your trusted servant,
Cathy Trojan

ALTERNATE DELEGATE/FORUM COORDINATOR:

I have been prepared to assume the duties in the event our Delegate could not attend the WSO. March 15-17, 2013 I attended the US North Central Regional Delegates Meeting in Brookfield Wisconsin. I've attended this in the past but this time I'm feeling confident and at ease. It was also great to see the delegates, past and present, from other states in our region. The first thing I had to learn, every time you stand to talk, "**Don Boche, Alternate Delegate, panel 53, Wisconsin**" is the first thing out of your mouth. I had a great time, it's hard to say good bye to some. My goal as Alt. Delegate is to stay fully aware of the duties of the Delegate.

I have been asked about Forum Writing Workshops but no set dates yet. I look forward to leading a Forum Writing Workshop at your Al-Anon/Alateen event. My goal as Forum Coordinator is to help you share your experience, strength and hope with the readers of our Forum monthly magazine. My secondary goal is to find new and creative ways to share our Forum with those who do not receive it, those in program and those needing program.

Don

CHAIRPERSON:

Date: 3/2/2013 **Event:** AWSC (AWSC Meeting/Assembly)

Name: Denise Marisch **Position:** Area 61 Chair Person

It takes only one person to start something, but many others to carry it out – Lois Wilson

GOALS: .

1. Create our meeting agenda's to advance our goals, in providing meaningful meetings, for all District and Group Representatives.
2. Provide hands on experience for our fellowship on our Delegates experience at the annual World Service Conference.
3. Use today's technology tools in between meetings to move along our goals.
4. Develop further understanding of our Traditions, Concepts and Warranties.

GENERAL COMMENTS (*time permitting*):

1. Agenda Hat - There is a Hat displayed at the podium that anyone can add an item needing addressing by the Officers, Coordinators, Policy Committee and or agenda item at the AWSC or Assembly.

SECRETARY: See meeting minutes

TREASURER: See separate financial report mailing

PAST DELEGATE – CHERYL A:

My exciting report for the March 2013 AWSC

Hi everyone!

I passed off my three years of Conference Notebooks to Cathy to study before her first World service Conference. Maybe I will test her before she goes!!!

Although my role as Delegate is over, I have been busy participating in Al-Anon events and speaking when asked and available. I will be going to Iowa for their Spring Assembly in June to be the main speaker and am looking forward to that. I cannot wait for the Al-Anon International Convention in July.

Cheryl Anderson | Panel 50 | Past Delegate

PAST DELEGATES – RENEE H, JIM S, CAROL V: No Report