

## **Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update April 2022**

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### **Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding Enriquecer nuestra recuperación a través de la abundancia, unidad y comprensión Enrichir notre rétablissement par l'abondance, l'unité et la compréhension**

*The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) has the responsibility to prepare a World Service Conference (WSC) agenda that facilitates the active voice and effective group conscience of our fellowship.*

The CLT is very grateful to everyone who participated in the 62<sup>nd</sup> World Service Conference, the first in-person WSC since 2019. We give special thanks to everyone who helped this come together! We acknowledge those who assisted over the last year, but who were unable to attend in person—we are grateful for all of you!

Since May of 2021, CLT was hopeful that we would meet in person, and we are grateful that we were able to gather from April 26 to 30 in Tarrytown, New York. We had a full week of meetings, fellowship, learning, growing, and remembering how to gather in community and in person. We truly embraced the Conference theme of “Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding.” We felt the abundant presence and guidance of our collective Higher Power as we navigated some interesting, challenging, and deeply spiritual conversations.

Here are some of the many highlights from our week in New York:

- Getting acquainted with the Panel 62 Delegates and learning more about Panels 60 and 61.
- Welcoming the first new Area since Alaska joined the Conference in 1980: the new Global Electronic Area. We are fortunate to have Alaska’s second Delegate, Kathi M., serving on the Board of Trustees. Kathi shared what she experienced when Alaska petitioned to join the Conference.
- Getting to know the Global Electronic Area (GEA) Delegate, Ozzie A., and hearing more about the process for the GEA to elect trusted servants and participate in the links of service.
- Hearing from WSO Staff about the challenges and lessons learned through last year’s Alateen recertification process and how to move forward to make the 2022 recertification process successful.
- Delegate-led breakout sessions revisiting last year’s Thought and Task Force presentations and sharing the work products with Conference members.

- Presentation on “Electronic Meetings Becoming Al-Anon Family Groups.” This presentation included two Delegates sharing the processes being developed to include electronic groups in their respective geographic Areas along with discussion about hybrid groups.
- Presentation on “Alateen Electronic Group Feasibility,” which discussed Alateen electronic meeting safety, what that might look like, and things to consider, like which Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements to use when the meeting has no geographic borders.
- A trip to Stepping Stones! So many beautiful moments of sharing and learning on a lovely spring day!
- Thought and Task Force presentations: “Diversity Today,” “Maintaining a Sustainable Future Using Abundant Thinking,” and “Encourage Service Participation.”
- An open Policy Committee meeting.
- Affirmation of Trustee At Large, Regional Trustees, and Board Officers.

The seven-member Conference Leadership Team includes:

- Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of Conference (both Trustees)
- Associate Director—Conference
- Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
- WSO Executive Director
- Director of Programs
- Training & Project Specialist (ex-officio, non-voting)