

Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update

January 2026

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The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) is responsible for preparing a World Service Conference (WSC) agenda that facilitates the active voice and effective group conscience of our fellowship.

The Committee is looking forward to seeing all Conference members at the 2026 WSC, Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24, 2026, at the Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News, VA. Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Sunday, April 19.

The WSC Agenda Collaboration Work Group (WG) met in November to review the preliminary WSC agenda shared by the CLT and provide feedback from the Delegate perspective on content, Delegate familiarity/preparedness, daily schedule, organization, and opportunities for Delegate participation. The Panel 64 WG Chairperson joined the CLT Meeting on December 15, 2025, to share the WG's thoughtful feedback.

The CLT finalized the 2026 WSC agenda in January and submitted it to the Board of Trustees for approval. The agenda incorporates input from the WSC Agenda Collaboration Work Group.

We have various topics on the WSC agenda, including continuing the discussions of "Choosing a Group's Name" Policy Implementation, Single Trustee Process, and Alateen Electronic Alateen Validation & Implementation Planning, as well as hearing from two Delegate Task Forces and attending an Open Board Meeting.

The 2026 WSC Agenda also includes a visit to the World Service Office, during which an Al-Anon meeting will be held.

The 2026 Opportunities to Serve Invitation, providing an opportunity to volunteer for service on selected Committees, one Thought Force, and two Work Groups, was sent on December 10, 2025 to 2026 WSC Delegates, including a mailing to Panel 66 Delegates. The invitation includes reference to the new CAI Facilitation Work Group. The deadline to submit choices was Monday, December 22, 2025.

The deadline for Conference members to submit Chosen Agenda Items (CAI) is February 16, 2026.

After polling the Conference members, the consensus was reached to hold the Affirmation Process virtually in advance of Conference. The date for the virtual meeting is Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (ET). Agenda items for this meeting include reports from the Chairpersons of the Conference Committee on Trustees and the Nominating Committee; traditional affirmation of nominees for Trustees, Board Officers, and Executive Committee for Real Property Management (ECRPM) At-Large Committee members; and announcement of the appointments for Executive Committee At-Large members and Chairperson and ECRPM Chairperson. Conference members will be provided resumes for all nominees and appointments.

Although not all Conference members may be able to attend, the CLT will ensure a quorum is met in accordance with Conference Procedure 11.e. of the Al-Anon World Service Conference Charter.

The six-member Conference Leadership Team includes:

- Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of Conference (both Trustees)
- Associate Director—World Service Events & History
- Chairperson of the Board of Trustees (Trustee)
- Executive Director
- Director of Programs