

VAWSC Meeting, March 1, 2025

Laura Lovern, VA Area World Service Delegate, Panel 65

“Investing In Each Other to Preserve our Legacy”

Delegate Report

2025 World Service Conference theme is “Investing in Each Other to Preserve Our Legacy”

I attended my first Chairman of the Board Letter Presentation virtually on February 15, 2025, which included brief updates from the Chairman of the Board, The Conference Leadership Team, The Policy Committee and the Finance Committee.

Below are some of the items discussed:

Chairman of the Board take-aways:

1. There will be 5 Regional Trustee vacancies this year. We had a candidate for the Southeast Region who was unable to complete the application process, so our Region is one of the vacancies.
2. The 2025 Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event will be held in Omaha, NE October 25, 2025.
3. The Envisioned Future Work Group (EFWG) brought to the Board the question of what our fellowship will look like moving forward into the digital age. What are our barriers and opportunities? How can our connection and community among members be maintained and flourish?

Policy Committee Update take-aways:

1. The Policy Committee looks at our guides and policy discussions through the lens of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts.
2. Task Forces will be formed to incorporate interpretations of our basic guides into the language about labels and drug/narcotic abuse in the Policy Digest section of our Service Manual.
3. There have been many appeals submitted as the result of the policy proposal regarding changing group names.

Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update take-aways:

1. The CLT is responsible for preparing the WSC agenda.
2. The CLT chose 3 Delegates to serve on the Chosen Agenda Item Task Force to determine the two Chosen Agenda Items to be discussed during the General Session of the WSC.

Finance Committee Update take-aways:

1. The largest contributors to revenue are Literature Sales and Contributions.
2. The largest expenses are salaries, tech support and WSC costs.
3. 2024 closed with a net income of just over \$450,000, which was above the projected net income.

From Delegate group on AFG Connects:

Hybrid vs. in-person – most common discussion among Areas is whether to continue with hybrid, return to in-person, or go strictly virtual. We are not alone!

Deficit budget – several other Areas have mentioned passing deficit budgets for 2025, like we did. Reasons seem to be the same – reduction in contributions and increased cost of tech help.

World Service Conference:

For the 2025 WSC, I will be providing “Easy Does It” buttons as the Area Love Gifts for the conference members. Therefore, the traditional hand-made Love Gifts will not be needed this year.

Conference Mail:

Delegates will again be able to receive cards of encouragement and support from their program friends back home.

The address for those members in our Area who wish to send *cards and letters* to the Delegate at World Service Conference is:

Laura Lovern (Hold for WSC 4/24–4/27, 2025)
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Windsor, CT 06095

Please plan to have cards arrive **after April 21**. Remember to include the trusted servant's name and home address as the return address in case mail delivery is delayed:

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**Cards should be sent individually, as envelopes and packages of cards will result in a fee to WSO and will not be delivered.

At VAWSC - Request for Area Highlights and Challenges to take with me to WSC