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GROUP REPRESENTATIVES: THIS LETTER GIVES MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK YOUR TRUSTED SERVANTS ON THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD DO ON THEIR BEHALF, SO PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT IN FULL TO YOUR GROUPS.

Dear Members,

I would like to update you with what happened at the most recent General Service Board (GSB) meeting held on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th June 2022 in Birmingham. This was the first Board meeting held, in person since January 2020.

This letter and other information will be circulated directly to the Area Delegates and to members who have signed up for the free GSO eNewsletter. Simply visit the Al-Anon website www.al-anonuk.org.uk and sign up to the GSO eNewsletter via the members' area.

Reports. The Annual Reports of the Service Arms, the Treasurer and the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 were received and approved for inclusion in the Conference Brochure. Interim Reports from the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Regional Trustees were received discussed and approved.

Finances. The Treasurer updated the Board on the current financial situation. She reported that donations and Gift Aid donations were in line with the budgeted figures. Members continue to Gift Aid their donations whilst also supporting their Groups, Districts and Areas. Literature sales are at a reduced level and have yet to reach pre pandemic sales figures. The shop is now running as normal and the stock holding is also increased with the return of staff to GSO and WSO. Two legacies were received by the General Fund. Operating expenses are within budget. Newsletters will continue to be circulated to the members on a regular basis.

Family Groups Ltd. The Annual General Meeting took place on Saturday 25th June and the Annual Reports and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 were approved by the Trustees.

Public Information (PI). The General Service Board was given an update on the proposed PI Campaign for 2023. The Campaign will be launched internally at Conference in September 2022. The launch to the public will be in May 2023.

Eire. The Annual Accounts for Al-Anon Family Groups Company Limited by Guarantee (AFG CLG) for the year ended 31st March 2022 were agreed for approval by the AFG CLG Board. A decision to close the Information Service in Dublin has been taken. Consultations are taking place to ensure the continuance of the Helpline in Eire.

Conference. The UK & Eire Service Conference 2022 will be held at Hinsley Hall, Leeds from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September. The Conference Agenda was agreed by the Board. Information will be sent to all Area Delegates by the Conference Committee. The theme will be "Illuminating The Way Forward" and the topic for the workshops is Concept Eleven.

GSO. The staff at GSO returned to work on 14th February 2022. Annual Record Check forms for 2022 were sent out in April. These can be returned as soon as they are completed before the deadline date.

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AA 75th anniversary. The Convention to celebrate the 75th anniversary of AA with Al-Anon participation was held over the weekend of 10th – 12th June. The General Secretary who took on the role of Convenor for Al-Anon Family Groups reported that the Convention was successful.

Editorial. *Al-Anon Today* requires shares from members on the following topics for the next edition:

- Process of Changing
- Giving myself a break
- Taking better care of myself
- Moving on

TEAM Events. TEAM Events Committee (TEC) met on Friday 24th June. Discussions took place regarding the question of replacing TEAM Events and a suggestion was to hold Regional Focus Days. Some Regions already hold these and Conference Delegates will be asked to bring information from their Areas on this topic so a decision can be made.

Trustee Vacancies. Nominations for the following Trustee positions were discussed and will be presented at Conference in September for traditional approval:

- Regional Trustee, England South & East (three-year term)
- Regional Trustee, Scotland (three-year term)
- Chairman, Conference Committee (three-year term)
- Chairman, Public Information Committee (one-year term)

The following are the Trustee vacancies for 2024:

- Regional Trustee, England North & North Wales (three-year term)
- Regional Trustee, Eire (three-year term)
- Chairman, Public Information Committee (three-year term)
- Treasurer (three-year term)

The closing date for receipt of applications at GSO for all the above is 14th May 2023.

Yours in fellowship

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Chairman
General Service Board