

Welcome

COLORADO AREA 2017 WINTER
ASSEMBLY

Conference procedures

It is very important that all Conference members be present at every session of the Conference.

To avoid disruptions, it is not permissible for Conference members to pass around food, love gifts, or books to be signed during Conference sessions.

Conference procedures

WARRANTY THREE

That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity.

Conference procedures

During discussions, Conference members who wish to speak line up at the microphones and are called on in order.

Conference members must use the microphone (mic) each time they speak and state their name and panel number, including the **name** of their Area, or that they are a WSO volunteer (including their role) or WSO staff member.

The Conference Chairperson or any other Conference member with voice may ask to have the discussion held at another time.

Conference procedures

The Conference Chairperson does not enter into the discussion while chairing.

Conference members are allowed two minutes and one time at the mic per discussion/motion. When the timer's bell rings, Conference members may finish their sentence before relinquishing the mic. When a discussion is held over more than one session, it is up to the discretion of the Conference Chairperson whether or not to allow the one-time at the mic rule to start over with each subsequent session.

Conference procedures

Conference members are allowed to go to the mic to ask a question for informational purposes. When asking a question, approach the mic holding up a *Service Manual*. Note that questions begin with who, what, where, when, why, and how, and do not contain personal opinion, either before or after the question. Members who then wish to express an opinion return to the line of waiting speakers.

If a question is asked, it is the Conference Chairperson's responsibility to call on the appropriate person to answer the question.

Conference procedures

Conference members who answer a question are not limited to two minutes at the mic nor do they give up their one time at the mic per discussion/motion. However, they may not give their opinion—only respond to the question.

In a Knowledge-Based Decision-Making culture, we seek information; we don't advocate.

Conference procedures

Conference members should express their opinion. If your opinion has been stated, do not come to the microphone to state it again unless you have additional facts/comments. In doing so, there will be time to hear a variety of ideas.

The legitimate rights of the minority are protected by Concept Five (“The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and insure that they be heard.”) and are observed throughout the Conference.

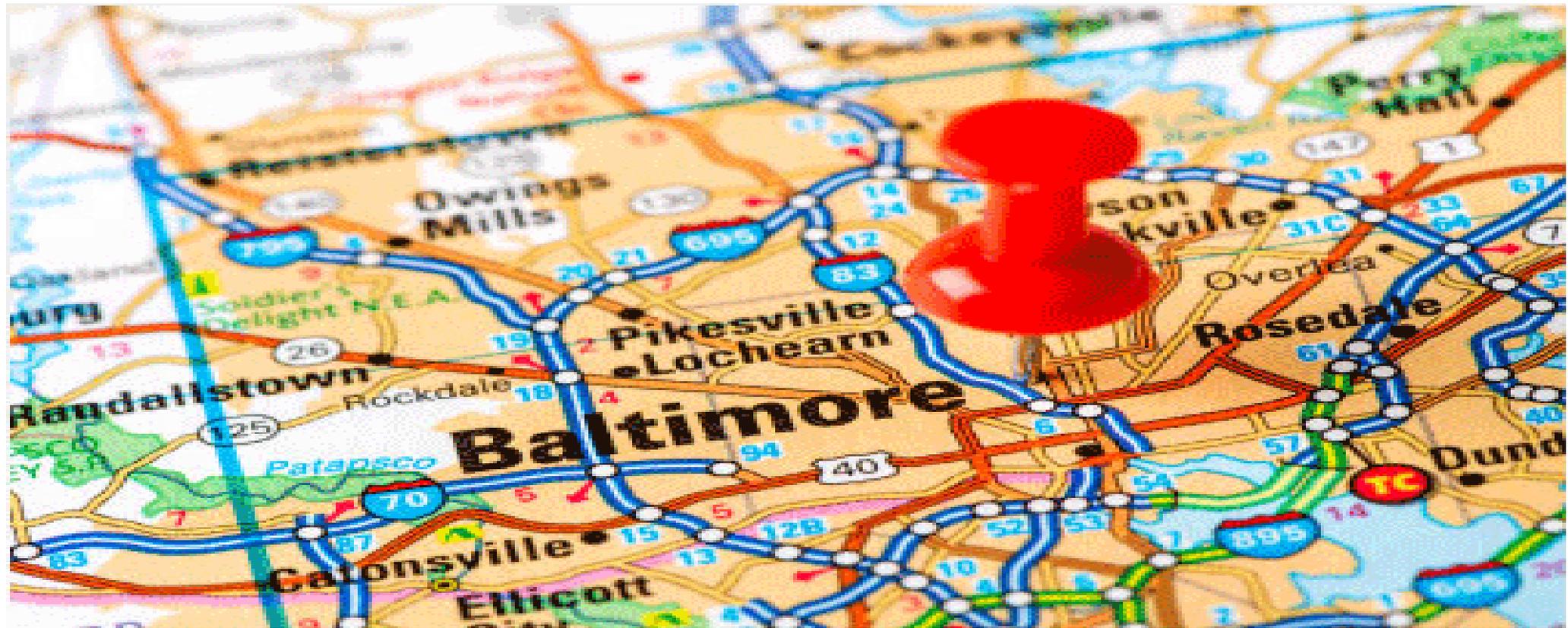
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Out of respect to those holding a differing viewpoint, applause is not permitted during a discussion when a member expresses an opinion with which others may agree.

However, *Applause is encouraged* in appreciation of service to our fellowship.

Road Trip Recap!





Al-Anon's 6th International Convention

Baltimore, MD — July 6-8, 2018

Register early TO Save money

Amount (U.S. Funds)	Deadline
\$130.00	Dec. 31, 2017
\$165.00	May 31, 2018
\$195.00	June 1, 2018



July 5th—Day of Connection

www.al-anoninternationalconvention.org



Finance Committee Update October 2017 --Jennie M., Treasurer

As of September 30, 2017:

The General Fund recorded **a loss of \$73,089** for this period, compared to a gain of \$303,315 this period last year. That represents a net negative of \$376,404 over this period last year. We have **transferred \$142,200 from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund, as budgeted.**

Income:

Contributions are at \$1,427,956 for 2017, compared to \$1,459,358 last year—a **decrease of 2.1%** and falling short of budgeted projections by \$150,000 for the first nine months of the year.

Expenses:

Actual operating expenses were \$4,136,660 for the first nine months of 2017, compared to \$3,681,725 last year and slightly over budget which is normal for this time of year. **Full staffing is reflected in the increased expenditure.**

Reserve Fund:

The fair value of investments in the Reserve Fund totaled \$5,676,705 at September 30, 2017, **an increase in value of over \$800,000 for this year reflecting the overall increased value found in the equities market.**

Outlook:

Believing that the fellowship would be able to repeat its strong 2016 support in 2017, **the budget was built on that expression of abundance and faith.** If members are able to match 2016 contributions in 2017, we will end the year on target. We are looking to collect \$660,000 during October, November and December of 2017. Area treasuries can only do so much – **we are dependent, as always, on individuals and groups as we try to help those who carry the message of hope.**

Chosen Agenda Items for WSC

Examples;

1. Does the growing trend of using the term "qualifier" reflect an underlying need in the program as a whole? Is it being used to avoid terms such as "my alcoholic" or "addict?" Is it a way of protecting anonymity? Or is it keeping the focus off ourselves?
2. How can we entice our trusted servants at the Area Level to use the Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM)? How can we bring those members understand the importance of this process? How can we also bring these members to respect the Service Manual and the motions voted in the Area when preparing Assembly or World Service Committee (WSC) and during those two events?

Our Third Legacy...SERVICE

1. Executive committee for Real Property management;
2. Trustees at Large
3. Committees with At Large Members.

Thank You Cards

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Thank you!!