

Spring Al-Anon Assembly

March 21, 22, &23, 2025

Area Literature Coordinator Report

Housekeeping items:

- The next printed copy of the *Service Manual* will be ready for purchase in January 2026; it will be dated: 2026-2029.

The new booklet, *Healing within Our Alcoholic Relationships* (P-95), is available. I have 5 English copies at the Assembly, and it is also available in Spanish, and French.

The WSO is still seeking sharings for a new piece on Personal and Service Sponsorship. This piece was approved by the 2023 World Service Conference in response to a need expressed for a piece of Conference Approved Literature on sponsorship and service sponsorship that includes the personal experiences of members. Here is a link to the writing guide for that piece: [Sponsorship-Writing-Guide.pdf \(al-anon.org\)](https://al-anon.org/pdf/Sponsorship-Writing-Guide.pdf)

Here are the *Sponsorship Writing Guides* to share with your groups:

<https://al-anon.org/pdf/Sponsorship-Writing-Guide.pdf> (English)

<https://al-anon.org/pdf/Guias-de-redaccion-para-padrinazgo.pdf> (Spanish)

<https://al-anon.org/pdf/lignes-directrices-ecriture-pour-parrainage.pdf> (French).

Another exciting bit of news is that the 2024 World Service Conference gave conceptual approval for the development of a new piece of literature on our relationship with finances in recovery. We haven't yet started collecting sharings for that, but once a writing guide has been developed, we will announce and make it available here on the Literature Coordinators community and on the al-anon.org website.

Forum - It is possible to buy an electronic Forum subscription from Barnes and Noble for \$11.00 USD for the year. Individual copies can be purchased from Amazon and Kobo for \$1.99 USD/copy.

1) It is only accessible by one account. I suppose if a group wanted to create its own account and share the log-in information among members, it could be viewable on different devices, but most electronic providers limit the number of devices that can be logged into a single account. That would be a question for the electronic provider.

2) The WSO does work with 3rd party providers to make *The Forum* and certain other pieces of literature (as listed on the Digital Products page of our website) available to our members electronically. I do not know how the revenue per subscription compares between the paper and the electronic versions. I do know that the WSO does receive some revenue from electronic sales. The electronic sales numbers fluctuate quite a bit from month to month and year over year, so that seems to indicate that more individual issues are being purchased electronically than subscriptions. In any case, sales of the e-version comprise just a fraction of overall *Forum* sales--somewhere between 1 and 2 percent over the past year.

3) Yes, the electronic version is the same and looks the same as the paper version.