

The following update is based on the unaudited financial statements for the period that ended 12/31/2025.

**Revenues (Income)**

Revenue consists mainly of literature sales and contributions. Other revenue sources include magazinesales, *Al-Anon FamilyGroups Mobile App* Daily Reflection subscriptions, and investment gains or losses. Literature sales for December were \$183,797, below budgeted expectations, while contributions for December were \$448,795, significantly above budgeted expectations. See the table below for full-year Actuals versus Budget.

**Expenses**

The largest categories of expenses consist of WSO Staff salaries and associated costs (payroll taxes and benefits), technology support, Conference costs (including interpretation), and office expenses (postage, telephone, stationery, supplies, printing, Canadian office). Expenses for December were \$572,932. See the table below for 2025 Actuals versus Budget. We continue to monitor all expenses and reduce them wherever possible.

**Investments**

Our ample reserve is contained mostly in the Reserve Fund under the careful watch of our investment manager and the Finance Committee. Market conditions in December had a very favorable rate of return on the portfolio, bringing the 2025 gain in the Reserve Fund to \$1,059,565. Our investment accounts will continue to be sensitive to market conditions.

**Net Increase/(Decrease)**

The change in net assets, revenues less expenses, results in a full-year operating surplus of \$132,011, which exceeds the budget due to the increased contributions received throughout the year, particularly several substantial bequests.

**2025 Results and Budget**

	2025 Actuals	2025 Revised Budget
Revenue		
Literature Sales—net	\$2,343,504	\$2,480,776
Contributions	\$3,571,021	\$2,900,000
Other Income	\$713,620	\$763,500
Total Revenue	\$6,628,145	\$6,144,276

Total Expenses	\$6,496,134	\$6,315,075
Change in Net Assets Increase / (Decrease)	\$132,011	\$(170,800)

## **Reflections and Insights**

Financial results for 2025 were mixed. While we did not achieve our budget for literature, we overachieved our contributions budget primarily due to sizeable bequests we have received throughout the year. Without those bequests, our revenues would have been less than our expenses, resulting in a deficit. The WSO carefully watches spending while still providing the services that the fellowship asks of the WSO, spending less than the 2025 budget as a result. Overall, our total revenue less expenses, what the accountants call the Change in Net Assets, is positive – a surplus through December. That is good news.

How should we view 2025 from a financial perspective? Bequests can never be more than a supplemental source of revenue on top of regular contributions and literature sales. Our job remains the same: we need to continually reinforce the message with our members, groups and Links of Service of the importance of ongoing sales of literature and contributions to the WSO to cover the expenses occurring throughout the year on our behalf. We must redouble our efforts to help our members understand this.

Both last year's World Service Conference theme of "Investing in Each Other to Preserve our Legacy" and this year's theme of "75 Years, One Purpose" are relevant here. Our members' investments in Al-Anon through literature sales and contributions over the past 75 years have laid a foundation on which we can continue to build a legacy for those who will want help recovering from the effects of the family disease of alcoholism for decades to come.

Looking toward 2026, the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended the Preliminary WSO Operating Budget to the Board, who approved it, and it will be shared with Conference members before the April WSC.