

2025 Board of Trustees Report to the WSC in 2026

The A.R.T.S. Board of Trustees is grateful for the trust and confidence that the meetings and the Conference have placed in us. The Board continues to protect, serve, and administer the operations of World Services, including A.R.T.S.'s legal and financial responsibilities. As an integral part of the Conference and the service structure, the Board remains committed to the responsibility of making its decisions within the principles as laid out in the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Service of A.R.T.S. Anonymous.

Board officers are Allegra B., Chair, and Vickie D., Secretary. Galina B. and Harvey D. joined the Board in November 2025 and hope to be endorsed by the World Service Conference in January 2026. Five members of the Board of Trustees are ending their first three-year terms of service, and all five have chosen to rejoin the Board for a second three-year term. In cooperation with the ad hoc Recruiting and Nominating Committee, the Board still hopes to attract a Board Treasurer or other officer to oversee A.R.T.S. finances.

Major Board Actions:

- With the *pro bono* (meaning free of charge) services of White and Case, the “A.R.T.S. Anonymous” and “Artists Recovering through the Twelve Steps” names have been successfully trademarked by the U.S. Trademark Office. This applies in all relevant categories, including the website, in print, electronically, etc. Trademark registration helps to protect the A.R.T.S name and its primary purpose from being misappropriated or misused by any other person or enterprise.
- Members of the Board are undertaking research and development of licensing agreements, policies and guidelines for the translation and use of A.R.T.S. literature in other languages.
- A fundraising campaign to increase donations from meetings and members was launched in June (with mixed results)
- A.R.T.S. members were invited to an “A.R.T.S. Magic Open House” in March, and Delegates were invited to the Board meeting in September. The purpose was to find out what the questions and issues might be for the health and growth of the A.R.T.S. and its meetings, and how the Board can support the meetings in carrying the message

World Services Actions:

- Organized and led a Conference meeting to elect a Conference Chair and Vice-Chair
- Board liaison participation on the Conference Policies and Procedures Committee, the Recruiting and Nominating Committee, and the Conference Service and Support Committee
- Supporting the development of Conference-approved Literature for A.R.T.S.
- Developed and led a series of Step Study Workshops, which concluded in the spring
- Continues to communicate with the members through a monthly newsletter and regular updates to the website and with Delegates through email updates

- Supports the Sharathon Planning meetings and Seasonal Sharathon events 4 times a year
- Supports and efforts to create an A.R.T.S. recovery, service and fellowship Celebration Convention
- The Executive Committee has oversight of the day-to-day operations of the World Service Office, including emergency situations. Office operations in 2025 included (but are not limited to): tracking and reporting income, expenses and cost analyses; bookkeeping; communications for the Conference and other events; producing and sending out the monthly newsletter; posting and updating information on the website; updating the meeting list and information; meeting with potential service committees, training and supporting members who volunteer for WSO activities.

Next Steps: With the closing of the business from which A.R.T.S. has been renting office space, the Board is undertaking Strategic Planning to set short-term and longer-term priorities for A.R.T.S. World Services. This includes possibilities for reducing World Services given limited resources in money, time, and volunteers.