

2010 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE (WSC) MOTIONS

MOTION #1 – (93 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) – CARRIED

That the following persons be seated at the 2010 World Service Conference:

With voice, but no vote:

David Zach Director of Business Services Non-Al-Anon Member

Peter Adam International Representative—New Zealand Al-Anon Member

María Del Carmen Torres Gallego International Representative—Mexico Al-Anon Member

With voice limited to ECRPM business, but no vote:

Linda Berntgen Chairman, Executive Committee for Real Al-Anon Member

Property Management

With voice limited to Cultural Competency, but no vote:

John Colon Center for Culturally Competent Non-Al-Anon Member

Education and Training

With no voice and no vote:

Nicolette Stephens Information Analyst Non-Al-Anon Member

El Nault Southeast Regional Trustee for A.A. Non-Al-Anon Member

That the following WSO staff be seated as part of their ongoing training at the 2010 World Service Conference for one day each, **with no voice and no vote:**

Julie Miller Communications Manager Al-Anon Member

Joe Tanory Archives Coordinator Al-Anon Member

MOTION #2 – (92 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention, 0 void) - CARRIED

To approve the 2009 Audited Financial Report.

MOTION #3 – (92 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED

To approve the 2009 Annual Report.

MOTION #4 – (92 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 1 void) - CARRIED

To approve the 2010 Finance Committee Report.

MOTION #5 – (93 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) – CARRIED

To add a new “Alateen Policy” section in the “Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies” in the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* that includes new text, current text, and amended text from pages 77 and 78 of the *2006-2009 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. The new section will be placed in between the sections titled “Membership & Group Meetings/Conventions” and “Anonymity.” (New text is underlined and bold; moved text is underlined. Strikethrough indicates deletion.)

Alateen Policy

Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements

Note: *World Service Conference Alateen policies that are approved for the World Service Conference structure must adhere to the 2003 Alateen Motion from the Board of Trustees. The 2003 Alateen Motion is a legal resolution of the Board of Trustees of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. and cannot be changed by a World Service Conference Motion. Just as our Al-Anon/Alateen policies and procedures must be in keeping with our Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, and the World Service Conference Charter, Alateen policies and procedures for the World Service Conference structure must also comply with the 2003 Alateen Motion. Only the Board of Trustees can amend or alter the 2003 Alateen Motion.*

Each Al-Anon Area in the World Service Conference Structure has Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements in place which meet or exceed the minimum requirements set by the 2003 Alateen Motion from the Board of Trustees (available from the WSO). The Area's Requirements include minimum requirements for Al-Anon Members Involved In Alateen Service (AMIAS), Alateen meetings, and Alateen participation in conferences, conventions, and other events. In order to use the Alateen name, the Area, all Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service, all Alateen members, and all meetings and events with Alateen participation must be in compliance with the Area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. Each Area's Alateen process details the steps that must be taken to meet its requirements.

An Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) is an Al-Anon member who is currently certified through their Area's Alateen process and is therefore eligible to be directly responsible for Alateens while being of service to Alateen. AMIAS may be certified by more than one Area; however, they must first be certified by the Area in which they reside. AMIAS may serve as Alateen Group Sponsors, chaperones, drivers, or other roles as outlined in their Area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. Area Alateen Coordinators are required to be certified AMIAS; the Area determines which other service roles require certification.

Al-Anon members who are also members of A.A. may be certified as AMIAS and serve as a-Alateen Group Sponsors by virtue of their Al-Anon membership, in accordance with their Area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. Emphasis should be placed on the Al-Anon interpretation of the program at all times.

Area Alateen Process

Each Area has its own process to implement and maintain its Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements, including the paperwork required for certification of AMIAS, registration of Alateen groups, and events with Alateen participation.

Details on an Area's Alateen process are available from the Area Alateen Coordinator, Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), another Area trusted servant, or your District Representative (DR). To connect with Area trusted servants, contact your Group Representative (GR), DR, or the World Service Office.

Starting an Alateen Group

In order to use the Alateen name, groups must register with the World Service Office through their Area's Alateen process. An Al-Anon ~~Each meeting must have an Alateen Group~~ Sponsor (two are recommended) is essential to every group in order to keep the focus on the Al-Anon interpretation of the program. It is recommended that there be two ~~Every~~ Alateen ~~Group~~ Sponsors each of whom is a minimum of 21 years old, currently attending Al-Anon meetings and an active Al-Anon member for at least two years in addition to any time spent in the Alateen, program. (Additional requirements may be set by the Al-Anon Area.)

Once registered, every Alateen group abides by the Alateen Traditions and is open to all Alateen members.

Alateen Group Sponsors

An Alateen Group Sponsor is an adult member of Al-Anon who attends Al-Anon meetings regularly, is currently certified as an Al-Anon Member Involved In Alateen Service through their Area's Alateen process, and has made a commitment to be of service to an Alateen meeting on a regular basis. Alateen Group Sponsors encourage the Alateens to take responsibility for their own meetings and to share their experience, strength, and hope with each other.

Alateen Group Sponsor(s) must be present to hold an Alateen meeting, as outlined in the Area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. When a regular Sponsor is not available, another Al-Anon member who is certified through the Area's Alateen process can serve as an Alateen Group Sponsor. When there are no certified Al-Anon members available to be of service to the Alateen group, the Alateens are welcome to attend an Al-Anon meeting. Whenever young people (minors) attend an Al-Anon meeting, the Al-Anon group would be responsible for prudent safety measures for them just as it is for the safety of Al-Anon members attending (e.g. making sure no one is left alone at the facility, etc.).

Alateen Personal Sponsors

Alateen Group Sponsors and other Al-Anon members do not serve as personal Sponsors to individual Alateens. Alateen members are encouraged to sponsor each other in a peer-to-peer relationship.

Who Attends Alateen Meetings

Alateen meetings are closed meetings; ordinarily only Alateen members, prospective members, and the Area-certified Alateen Group Sponsors affiliated with the group attend. However, designated Area trusted servants may occasionally attend the meeting as a resource to the group per the Area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. Any potential Alateen Group Sponsor must go through the Area's certification process prior to visiting an Alateen group.

An Alateen group may hold an occasional (annual, bi-annual, or quarterly) public outreach open meeting for the purpose of introducing Alateen to Al-Anon members, A.A., professionals, teachers, and other members of the community.

Alateen Membership/Age Range

As the name implies, Alateen is designed for members in their teens. Family members below teen years may **might not be ready for the Alateen program. Such children may have to depend on others to choose what they learn. This could lead to the development of a teaching program. "Teaching" is not compatible with the Al-Anon principle of sharing. There are, however, younger children who can benefit from the Alateen program, which requires the ability to participate in a shared learning experience.**

It is within the autonomy of each Alateen group to lower the age limit or divide into groups according to age. Whatever the decision, all such groups will be registered as "Alateen" at the World Service Office. Members **in their teen years who are legally adults agree to abide by the same requirements as minor Alateens when they attend Alateen meetings and events. Alateen members in the upper teen years are encouraged to begin attending Al-Anon as well as Alateen meetings; young people beyond the teen years are encouraged to attend Al-Anon meetings.**

Funding/Seventh Tradition

It may be difficult for a new Alateen group to meet all its expenses and needs. The local Al-Anon group(s) or district may provide literature or funds to help the group get started, with the goal of the Alateen group becoming fully self-supporting as soon as possible.

Alateen in Schools and other Facilities

Alateen meetings in schools, hospitals, juvenile centers, and other professional settings can give children and teens access to Alateen who might not otherwise be able to attend. Such meetings are often only open to the young people in those schools or facilities. Generally, members will meet with the facility staff to explain Al-Anon/Alateen principles of anonymity and confidentiality and learn about the facility's requirements. The goal is to reach a mutually beneficial arrangement in keeping with the Area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements and the Traditions. Some facilities require that a counselor or other staff member sit in the meeting; in such cases, the meeting can be considered open only to required personnel in a limited access setting. (See the guideline *Alateen Meetings in Schools* [G-5].)

Events with Alateen Participation

In order to use the Alateen name, any event or gathering with Alateen participation (including Alateen conferences, Al-Anon/Alateen conventions, Area Assemblies, multi-Area events, and A.A. events with Al-Anon and Alateen participation) must be in compliance with the Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements of the Area in which it is held. (See "Area Alateen Process.")

Areas, districts, groups, or conferences may have fundraising events to provide full or partial scholarships for Alateens or Alateen Group Sponsors who may not otherwise be able to attend. In keeping with the Seventh Tradition, contributions for attending the conference should be solicited only from within Al-Anon (See "Financial Matters/Fundraising.") (See guidelines *Alateen Conferences* [G-16], *Area Conventions* [G-20], and *Participation in Area A.A. Conventions* [G-7].)

MOTION #6 – (91 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions, 1 void) - CARRIED

That the current Trial Regional Trustee Plan be accepted, thereby ending the trial.

MOTION #7 – (93 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED

To amend the text on pages 84-89 of the "Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Policies" section of the *2006-2009 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, "Finances," "Contributions to WSO-Individual," "Quarterly Appeal," "Direct Contributions," "Birthday Plan," "Memorial Contributions," "Contributions to WSO—Groups," "Contributions to WSO—Other," "Al-Anon Service Contributions," "Al-Anon and Alateen Conventions," "Earmarking Funds," "Reserve Fund," "Fund Raising," "Activities and Service," "Outside Contributions," "Avoiding Commercialism," "WSO Does Not Provide Lists of Suppliers," "Selling Products/Chances," "Raffles/Lottery Tickets," "Federal Statutes," "Use of Group Funds," "Rent and Other Group Expenses," "Donations to Outside Agencies." (New text is underlined and bold; moved text is underlined. Strikethrough indicates deletion.)

Financial Matters

Contributions to WSO

In keeping with our Seventh Tradition, Al-Anon is supported by members' contributions and from the sale of our literature. All contributions are used to meet expenses for worldwide services, including a portion of the operating expense of the World Service Conference. **All income from contributions and literature sales is allocated to the General Fund. Contributions to the WSO cannot be earmarked for special purposes unless recommended by the World Service Conference.** Members may contribute in the following ways: **(Also see "Outside Contributions.")**

Contributions to WSO— By Individual Members

Direct Contributions

In any calendar year, an Al-Anon member may contribute to the WSO **any amount** up to one percent of the total revenue of the WSO General Fund as identified in the previous year's audit. **(Also see "Incorporation/Taxes, Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc." regarding charitable deductions.)**

Members may authorize a monthly deduction from their bank account. (Contact the WSO for details.)

Combined Giving Campaigns. Members may contribute to the WSO via a combined giving campaign. Matching funds from non-members cannot be accepted.

(Contact the WSO for details)

Birthday Plan. In honor of their Al-Anon/**Alateen birthday**, members may express their gratitude by contributing an amount for each year's membership. (see "*Direct Contributions.*")

Memorial Contributions. Any Al-Anon or Alateen member may make contributions to the WSO in memory of anyone who is deceased. (Contact the WSO for details.)

Quarterly Appeal. ~~The 1966 World Service Conference voted that three letters of appeal for individual contributions be sent annually from the WSO to Al-Anon members in the United States and Canada. This~~ **The quarterly appeal** gives each member an opportunity to participate in Twelfth Step work beyond the group level. ~~Since it is not possible for the WSO does not to maintain a list of all members of Al-Anon, the~~ **quarterly** appeal letters are mailed to the groups, ~~address of record~~ **It is requested that the letters be read at two successive meetings, followed by a special collection** ~~other~~ **in addition** ~~than~~ the regular group collection.

~~The 1966 World Service Conference voted that three letters of appeal for individual contributions be sent annually from the WSO to Al-Anon/Alateen members in the United States and Canada. In 1998, the World Service Conference voted to increase the appeal frequency to quarterly (February, May, August, and November). Since it is not possible to~~

maintain a list of all members of Al-Anon, the appeal letters are mailed to the groups' address of record. It is requested that the letters be read at two successive meetings followed by a special collection other than the regular group collection. This gives each member an opportunity to participate in Twelfth Step work beyond the group level. In November the appeal is extended to members of groups worldwide.

Bequests

The WSO may accept a *one-time* bequest from an Al-Anon member in any amount, provided its use is not restricted by the donor. Bequest amounts, up to ten percent of the total revenue of the WSO General Fund as identified in the previous year's audit, will be placed in the General Fund. Members may give more than the ten percent; however, the portion of the bequest above ten percent will be reported separately on the financial statements. The World Service Conference will authorize the use of these excess amounts and the authorized expenditures will be administered by the Board of Trustees. These excess amounts are not available for general purposes, unless further authorized by the Conference. (Contact the WSO for details.)

Contributions to WSO—

By Groups and Other Service Entities

Al-Anon/Alateen Groups

Groups usually may make donations to the WSO on a regular basis without limit.

Contributions to WSO—Other

Al-Anon Service Arms Contributions

Districts, Al-Anon Information Services (Intergroups), Literature Distribution Centers, Areas, General Service Offices, and other Al-Anon service entities may also contribute directly to the WSO without limit.

Al-Anon and Alateen Conventions

A portion of the funds derived from Al-Anon and Alateen conventions ~~is often~~ may be contributed to the WSO. (See "Conventions," "Distribution of Proceeds.")

A.A. Conferences/Conventions

Contributions received from A.A. conferences/conventions that are offered to Al-Anon as acknowledgment of its participation in these functions may be accepted by the WSO or its service arms.

Earmarking Funds

~~All regular contributions are allocated to the General Fund. Contributions cannot be earmarked for special purposes unless recommended by the World Service Conference.~~

Reserve Fund

Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. has the right and obligation to establish and maintain a Reserve Fund. This fund, established in 1970, has a two-fold purpose: ensuring the continuation of Al-Anon's essential services and the funding of special projects. (See Reserve Fund Guideline [G-41].)

Discounts and Services

WSO and other Al-Anon service entities may accept discounts or services that are routinely available to other non-profit organizations (e.g. non-profit postal rates, free placement for public service announcements, etc.). Discounts may not be

accepted if the discount is given only to Al-Anon and not to other non-profit organizations.

Fund Raising

Many groups, districts, Areas, Information Services, Conventions, Conferences, Assemblies, or other gatherings of Al-Anon/Alateen members often raise funds to provide services.

Activities and Service

Fund-raising activities such as potluck suppers, dances, or other social events are conducted only within the fellowship and in agreement with the groups directly involved. If, however, such events are open to the public, use of the name Al-Anon or Alateen would violate the spirit of our Traditions.

Outside Contributions

Al-Anon and Alateen groups do not accept contributions **of money, goods, or services** from outside the Al-Anon membership in order to adhere to the Seventh Tradition of full self-support.

Avoiding Commercialism

Raffling various articles at meetings or other gatherings is a matter of autonomy (see “Selling Products/Chances”), but to avoid commercialism in the fellowship, it is suggested that these items relate in some way to our spiritual principles. Items such as Al-Anon or Alateen books, subscriptions to *The Forum*, or the donated products of the creative efforts of individual members are suggested. **(Also see “Raffle/Lottery Tickets.”)**

Program-Related Jewelry and Trinkets

The WSO does not stock or offer program-related jewelry or trinkets for sale because these actions could divert our service office from our primary purpose.

WSO Does Not Provide Lists of Suppliers

In keeping with Tradition Six, the WSO does not provide lists of suppliers for articles associated with the fellowship, i.e. **e.g.**, plaques, jewelry.

Selling Products/Chances

Selling Products at Meetings/Conventions/Conferences

Tradition Five states that the one purpose of each Al-Anon group is to help families of alcoholics. Therefore, it is inappropriate for an individual or outside entity to use Al-Anon meetings or other Al-Anon events as a marketplace before, during, or after these gatherings for the sale of services or products.

Selling Products at A.A. Meetings

In keeping with Tradition Seven, Al-Anon and Alateen members should refrain from soliciting or selling any products at A.A. meetings.

Raffles/Lottery Tickets

Raffles/lotteries are subject to **national**, state/provincial, **and local** laws.

Federal Statutes

~~U.S. Federal Law (Title 18, Sec. 1302 U.S.C.) and Canadian Federal Law (Sec. 189)~~**make it illegal to send lottery tickets through the mail.**

These Governmental regulations may prohibit solicitation of ticket money by letter or by the sales of chances on a prize. Similar restrictions may apply outside the United States and Canada.

There may also be other state or provincial laws which regulate the use of fund raising involving the sale of chances or tickets by charitable organizations. Since groups, districts, and many Areas are not registered as charities with state/provincial or federal authorities, these laws could prohibit such sales.

Local statutes should ~~should~~ **must** also be investigated **and complied with in order to prevent individual members and Al-Anon as a whole from becoming involved in public controversy.**

After If it is determined ing that the proposed raffle and/or lottery falls within the legal restriction is legally permitted within of the Area where it is to be held, additional precautions need to be taken so that we are not diverted from our primary purpose and do not imply endorsement. Distribution and sale of lottery/raffle/lottery tickets should be limited to Al-Anon/Alateen meetings and events. Read “Fund Raising on page 88 of the 2006-2009 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual as well as the other sections under “Selling Products/Chances” for clarification. (**Also see** “Fund Raising” **and** “Selling Products and Chances.”)

Payment for Speaking

In keeping with the Eighth Tradition, Al-Anon speakers are reimbursed for expenses only. When a member is speaking to an outside organization, the speaker may suggest funds in excess of expenses be used by the organization for the purchase of Conference Approved Literature (CAL) for distribution by the organization as an educational service.

Public Meetings

A basket may be passed at open meetings to which the public is invited. In keeping with the Seventh Tradition, it is clear that the fellowship is dependent on its own voluntary contributions. Reading the Preamble and the Traditions clarifies this principle.

Use of Group Funds

Rent and Other Group Expenses

Our Tradition of self-support suggests that the expenses for the group’s operation such as rent, literature, insurance, supplies, post office box rental, Group Representative, and Information Service Representative expenses be met first. Remaining funds may be used to support local and area structures and the World Service Office.

At locations where rent may not be accepted, a supply of Al-Anon/Alateen Conference Approved Literature and local meeting schedules may be provided to the facility as an appropriate alternative.

Gifts to Members

Group funds are used for group purposes only, not for personal gifts to members.

Baby-Sitters

Some meetings are attended by members who must bring children. Using group funds or taking a special collection to pay for a baby-sitter at the meetings is within a group’s autonomy. Paying for this type of service does not violate Traditions, since avoiding disruption of a meeting benefits the group as a whole.

Donations to Outside Agencies

Contributions to any outside agency, activity, or program are not to be made from group funds, which **In keeping with our Sixth Tradition, group funds** are to be used for Al-Anon/Alateen purposes only. **Groups may use their funds to purchase Al-Anon/Alateen literature to donate to outside agencies, activities, and programs for public outreach.**

MOTION #8 – (93 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) – CARRIED

To amend the text on pages 92-95 beginning with the section “Use of Material” and ending with the section “*The Forum*” and on pages 96 and 97 the section “Reprint Authorization” in the Policy Digest section of the *2006-2009 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, as follows: (New text is underlined and bold; moved text is underlined. Strikethrough indicates deletion.)

Use of Material at Al-Anon Meetings

To keep Al-Anon’s message in focus **and encourage unity**, it is suggested that only Al-Anon /Alateen Conference Approved Literature (**CAL**) and Al-Anon/Alateen service tools be **are** displayed, distributed, and used at Al-Anon and Alateen meetings, including meetings at conferences, and conventions. These items reflect **an the** informed group conscience **of the Al-Anon Family Groups as expressed by its World Service Conference since 1961.**

While individuals may use whatever they find helpful as part of their personal recovery outside of meetings, Al-Anon does not evaluate or recommend anything other than Al-Anon materials. When sharing at meetings, members limit any mention of outside material to a brief reference.

A.A. literature is not used at Al-Anon meetings because it is written for and from the viewpoint of alcoholics and is not Al-Anon/Alateen Conference Approved Literature. Reliance on opinions expressed in A.A. and other outside materials can distort the Al-Anon approach.

Conference Approved Literature provides a unified view of Al-Anon/Alateen to members, professionals, other individuals, and outside agencies. Service tools produced by the World Service Office reflect the Al-Anon/Alateen service structure and the shared experiences of our membership. **(See *Al-Anon Spoken Here* [P-53], *Why Conference Approved Literature?* [P-35], and the “Three Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon,” as found in *Alcoholism, the Family Disease* [P-4].)**

The Forum

The Forum is the monthly magazine in which Al-Anon and Alateen members share their experiences. It is “The Voice of the Fellowship,” a forum where individual members and groups can be heard. **The Forum** staff at the WSO, with assistance from a volunteer committee, edits the letters and articles sent from all over the world. This assures a publication that a broad-based international audience can understand and use for growth in the program. It also offers meeting ideas and materials for use in group discussions.

The Forum can be used, and is encouraged to be used, by all members and groups for meetings. **The Forum**, as a concept, is Conference Approved, but it is not possible for

each issue to follow the full procedure for Conference Approved Literature. Sharings received for *The Forum* are reviewed for their fidelity to the Al-Anon program and principles by a volunteer committee and/or *The Forum* staff. Time-sensitive articles, such as editorials, interviews, “Inside Al-Anon,” etc., may be reviewed by *The Forum* staff.

Since it is copyrighted material, the WSO does not grant permission for substantial reprints from *The Forum* in Area, district, or other service arm newsletters in the U.S. and Canada. However, it is permissible for all newsletters to reprint any articles that appear in the “Inside Al-Anon” section of *The Forum*. Newsletters of other countries may, upon informing the WSO, use additional *Forum* material if they give proper credit line in their publication. *The Forum* is available by subscription.

Other WSO Publications

Timely Reprints

In 1977, the World Service Conference affirmed the continuation of the use by standing committees of articles and reprints of articles from major outside publications. The use of such timely pieces does not endanger Tradition Six regarding endorsement; rather it enhances the public’s view of the Al-Anon program of recovery and helps service committees spread the message of Al-Anon’s value as a community resource. These committees may also reprint articles from *The Forum*, WSO newsletters, or other WSO publications when interest in a particular subject is indicated. Such reprints can be proposed for development as a permanent piece of CAL if a strong interest in them is evidenced. Because of their timeliness, reprints are often distributed between Conferences. These items are reviewed for appropriateness, use, and distribution by the service committees of origin as well as appointed members of the Policy Committee. These reprints are identified by the Al-Anon/Alateen logo and carry the words “reprinted and distributed by Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.”

Guidelines

All guidelines are a collection of shared experience and can be adapted by the membership. Guidelines can be identified by this Al-Anon/Alateen logo and the words “compiled and distributed by Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.”

Outside Publications

~~*Other Literature at Meetings.* There are many outside publications on alcoholism, religion, and philosophy that appeal to members as individuals. Brief excerpts from such material may be part of their personal sharing at meetings. In a spirit of unity, it is suggested that only Al-Anon and Alateen Conference Approved Literature be used and displayed at meetings.~~

~~It is well to remember that all A.A. literature is written for and from the viewpoint of alcoholics and is not Al-Anon/Alateen Conference Approved Literature. Reliance on opinions expressed in A.A. and other publications can distort the Al-Anon approach, particularly for the newcomer (see *Al-Anon Spoken Here* [P-53], *Why Conference Approved Literature?* [P-35], and *Alcoholism The Family Disease* [P-4]).~~

~~*Reading Matter Outside of CAL.* Individuals may read whatever they find helpful, but Al-Anon cannot assume the responsibility for evaluating or recommending reading matter other than CAL (see the leaflet *Why Conference Approved Literature?* [P-35].)~~

Publications by Information Services (Intergroups), Local Service Centers. Traditions are violated when a group, Information Service (Intergroup), or any other service arm publishes its own literature (see the only exception, “Public Information Literature”). It is also ignoring Traditions to promote the sale of outside literature.

Reprint Authorization to Publish and Reprint

Publishing

The World Service Conference has authorized Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., also known as WSO, to be the sole publishing agency for the fellowship worldwide. Therefore, no Al-Anon group, Information Service (Intergroup), Literature Distribution Center, or any other service arm may produce or publish its own literature or sell outside literature and/or materials. (The only exception is found under “Public Information Literature” in the “Public Relations” section.)

Requests to Reprint

~~The World Service Conference has authorized Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., also known as WSO, to be the publishing agency for the fellowship worldwide.~~ Permission to reprint extensively from our publications is not granted in the United States and Canada to any individuals, within or outside of our membership, or to any outside agency. Forms to request reprint permission are available from the WSO. Each request received at the WSO to reprint limited excerpts will be evaluated on its merits and the circumstances. Requests for permission to reprint limited excerpts from copyrighted Al-Anon/Alateen material must include at least four paragraphs from the proposed new text. The new text should include the two paragraphs of the author’s/writer’s/editor’s material immediately prior to the excerpt and the two paragraphs of the author’s/writer’s/editor’s material immediately following the excerpt. When reprint permission is granted by the WSO the appropriate credit line must accompany the excerpt. Two copies of the published material/document must be sent to the WSO on or before publication. The WSO terminates permission to reprint if the volume is not published within two years from the date of the request.

Countries Outside United States and Canada

Permission to publish CAL is extended only to national Al-Anon General Service bodies in countries outside the United States and Canada. Occasionally such permission is extended to Al-Anon Central Service Committees, Centers, or even a single group, with the provision that the right to publish be relinquished when a general service body is formed.

Granting Permission to Translate CAL

All translations of Al-Anon CAL to other languages are to be submitted to the WSO for review and approval before permission to print or reprint is granted.

Service Tools/Material and Electronic Publishing

A listing of Al-Anon/Alateen service tools/materials that may be posted on Web sites is found on the WSO Web site: www.Aal-Aanon.alateen.org. * A credit line “Reprinted by permission of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.” is required. No other Al-Anon/Alateen copyrighted literature may be reprinted electronically without express written permission from the WSO.

MOTION #9 – (90 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions, 1 void) - CARRIED

That the 2010 WSC give conceptual approval to develop a Legacies workbook, using sharings from the Legacy blogs.

MOTION #10 – (92 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions, 0 void) - CARRIED

To amend text on pages 77-79 of the “Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies” section of the *2006-2009 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, “Membership and Group Meetings/Conventions,” “Membership and Groups,” “Membership Eligibility,” “Registration of Groups,” and “Choosing a Group’s Name.” (New text is underlined and bold; moved text is underlined. Strikethrough indicates deletion.)

Membership and Group Meetings/Conventions

Membership and Groups

Membership Eligibility

Anyone who feels his personal life is or has been deeply affected by close contact with a problem drinker is eligible for membership in Al-Anon/Alateen. (See “Families with Related Problems.”)

As the name implies, Alateen is designed for members in their teens. Alateens are members of the Al-Anon fellowship. Where there is no Alateen meeting available, young people are encouraged to attend Al-Anon meetings. **(See “Alateen Policy” section.)** ~~As the name implies, Alateen is designed for members in their teens. Family members below teen years may not be ready for the Alateen program. Such children may have to depend on others to choose what they learn. This could lead to the development of a teaching program. “Teaching” is not compatible with the Al-Anon principle of sharing. There are, however, younger children who can benefit from the Alateen program, which requires the ability to participate in a shared learning experience.~~

~~It is within the autonomy of each Alateen group to lower the age limit or divide into groups according to age. Whatever the decision, all such groups will be registered as “Alateen” at the World Service Office. Members beyond the teen years are encouraged to attend Al-Anon meetings.~~

Who Can Start a Group

The actual founding of the group and its functions is the responsibility of those qualified for membership. Occasionally a minister, doctor, social worker, or A.A. member initiates the formation of an Al-Anon/Alateen group. However, after the group has started, professional or A.A. participation should be limited to open meetings.

Registration of Groups

The WSO will register any group designating itself as an Al-Anon Family Group with the understanding that it will abide by the Traditions and that meetings will be open to any Al-Anon member. ~~Alateen meetings, however, consist of younger family members assisted by an Al-Anon Sponsor.~~ **(See “Alateen Policy” section for information on registering an Alateen group.)**

The WSO cannot register any group that is solely for Al-Anon members who are also recovering alcoholics and members of A.A., because it does not qualify to have a Group Representative.

There are Al-Anon or Alateen groups where meeting access is limited due to the facility's entry restrictions. These groups meet at sites such as military bases, industrial plants, or schools.

~~**Alateen Groups.** An Al-Anon Sponsor is essential to every group in order to keep the focus on the Al-Anon interpretation of the program. It is recommended that there be two Alateen Sponsors each of whom is a minimum of 21 years old, currently attending Al-Anon meetings and an active Al-Anon member for at least two years in addition to any time spent in the Alateen program. Al-Anon members who are also members of A.A. may serve as a Sponsor by virtue of their Al-Anon membership. Emphasis should be placed on the Al-Anon interpretation of the program at all times.~~

Choosing a Group's Name

~~A name that includes the town or section of the town, the meeting day, or a phrase from our program would be inviting to all. **Having an appropriate group name is very important because it is included in local and on-line meeting directories and may be a potential member's first impression of Al-Anon. The group's name should be inviting to all and reflect Al-Anon principles.**~~ A group's name should not imply affiliation with any other Twelve Step group, self-help group, commercial venture, agency, religious group, rehabilitation facility, or other outside enterprise even if the name is associated with its location—e.g., the ____ Church AFG or the ____ Hospital AFG.

To help avoid confusion with other entities it is suggested that groups spell out their full name and include ~~Al-Anon and Alateen.~~ **the letters AFG for Al-Anon Family Group.**

The WSO will review proposed group names for adherence to Al-Anon principles. (See "Group Names" in "Groups at Work.")

Assembly Representation

Each Al-Anon /Alateen group elects a Group Representative (GR). (See "World Service Handbook.") Assembly Areas should encourage the attendance of Alateen GRs at district and Assembly meetings.

Multiple Group Membership and Office-Holding

Al-Anon members who attend several groups *regularly* and *participate fully* in all of them may consider themselves members of all those groups. Most members, however, consider one group their home group.

MOTION #11 – (92 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 1 void) - CARRIED

That the 2010 WSC give conceptual approval for a major revision of the pamphlet *Why Anonymity in Al-Anon?* (P-33).

MOTION #12 – TABLED

To affirm that ownership of property is consistent with the Al-Anon/Alateen Legacies; to end the property ownership trial and retain the WSO headquarters property; and to ask the Board of Trustees to draft a motion for the 2011 World Service Conference that incorporates the spiritual intent and safeguards of 1994 WSC Motion 12.

MOTION #13 – (88 yes, 2 no, 1 abstentions, 1 void) - CARRIED

To table the 2010 WSC Motion 12 for further study by the Board of Trustees.