

LA AFG (Area 22) KBDM Topic:
Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements 10/2020

Topic for discussion:

LA Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements

Framing:

The LA Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements are outdated and need clarifying.

Relevance & Context:

- We need guidelines to support our AMIAS and Alateens.
- We need guidelines that enable Alateens to participate safely in events such as conventions and assemblies.
- We need clarification on temporary electronic meetings.
- We need to keep Alateens safe.

Background / History:

Motion 3 in the *2019 World Service Conference Summary* addresses Alateen concerns. We have LA guidelines; however, they are not up to date and need to be clear and concise. We should consult Guidelines G-1, G-7, G-19, G-20, G-22, G-34, the Alateen Service Manual, and the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. In order to ensure we are compliant and consistent with WSO Alateen Guidelines.

Six KBDM Questions:

1. What do we know about our members' needs, wants and preferences that relates to this discussion?

- We want Alateens to participate safely in in local and area events.
- We want to be clear about when we can and cannot use the Alateen name.
- We require a lawyer, AWSC, WSO, then Assembly to approve these requirements once we have put together a new set.

2. What do we know about our resources relative to this issue?

We have the following resources:

- The current minimal LA Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements
- WSO Guidelines G-1, G-7, G-19, G-20, G-22, G-34
- The Alateen Service Manual
- the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual
- Motion 3 in the *2019 World Service Conference Summary*
- Alateen guidelines from other Areas

3. What do we know about our “culture” or “environment” that relates to this issue?

- We know that the Area needs clear safety requirements in order for Alateen to thrive.
- We know that there are lots of questions and confusion about what Alateen participation in Alateen meetings and events such as Assembly, Convention and Conference looks like.
- We know that there have been issues in the past where Alateen and AMIAS behavior was called into question.

4. What are the implications of our choices (pros and cons)?

- Pro: New requirements will clear up all issues about Alateen participation and safety.
- Pro: New requirements will encourage more Alateen participation and growth.
- Con: New requirements could confuse groups/events already operating with conflicting information.

5. What do we wish we knew, but don't?

- We wish we knew what meetings will look like in the future.
- We wish we knew what would draw Alateens back to meetings.
- We wish we knew what Alateens see as their biggest safety concern.

6. How do Al-Anon's legacies apply to this issue?

- Step 12—Carry the message to others
- Tradition 1—Our common welfare comes first.
- Concept 4—Participation is the key to harmony.
- Concept 10—Double headed management is avoided.
- Concept 3—The Right of Decision makes effective leadership possible.

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