

Policy Committee Update

April 2020

Marianne B., Incoming Chairperson, and Terry F., Outgoing Chairperson

Policy statements are interpretations of our basic guides: The Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. They help clarify how a Tradition or Concept might apply to a new or confusing situation that arises in Al-Anon or Alateen. Changes and additions to the Policy Digest are made only as our circumstances and growth require, since anticipating and including every specific situation would be impossible.

The purpose of the update sent each quarter by the Policy Committee is to report progress and provide information on the following:

- Topics that are generated by the fellowship and discussed by the Policy Committee regarding issues or concerns that need clarification or interpretation in light of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service
- Progress of work being completed by Policy Committee work groups, task and thought forces
- Policy motions to be presented to the World Service Conference (WSC)
- Policy motions passed by the WSC.

The Policy Committee meeting occurs quarterly, prior to the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. The Committee met Thursday, April 23, 2020 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm for the first time with all members attending virtually! Due to the shortened 2020 WSC agenda, revisions and recommendations from the following Policy Task Forces will be presented at the 2021 WSC:

- Alateen Preamble Language
- Membership & Group/Conventions
- Local Services
- Interim Housekeeping Actions

Thank you to all the Staff, At-Large Members of the Executive Committee, and Trustees who worked so tirelessly to bring this work forward!

The Conference Approved Literature & Service Tools/Materials Policy Digest Review Task Force presented recommendations for revised text and received additional suggestions. The Task Force will continue their work and present additional revisions at the July 2020 Policy Committee meeting. Thank you to this Task Force for all your efforts.

The Policy Committee discussed a member's correspondence and after thoughtful discussion, it was decided that no further action was needed at this time. Thank you to all members who have sent in correspondence asking for clarification on issues related to Policy. Your thoughts and questions are important.

After addressing administrative items, including approval of the January 2020 Policy Committee minutes, members rotating off the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee (Chéré, Cindy, Joan, John, Joyce, and Terry) shared about their experiences. We have learned so much from each of them and they will be greatly missed! We look forward to cheering them on in their next endeavors, as well as welcoming our newest Trustees and At-Large Executive Committee members.

As always, the Policy Committee welcomes all questions and suggestions from any AI-Anon and Alateen member, group, or Area regarding issues that might need further clarification or interpretation in light of our Legacies.