

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Report from the Area Alateen Task Force

As most of you know, we have been charged with carrying out the decision of the November 2017 Assembly to resolve the problems outlined in the minutes, to

“determine a process for correcting the problems and restoring the WSOs confidence enough that they will approve new Alateen registrations.”

During a Conference Call with the WSO it was affirmed that “The Area is responsible for the Safety and Behavioral Requirements and Guidelines for Alateen. These requirements must meet or exceed the minimum requirements as set forth in the 2003 Alateen Motion from the Board of Trustees. The Area is autonomous in making these decisions. It is important to remember that *Al-Anon is responsible for Alateen*. The Alateen Safety Guidelines refer to the importance of following local laws which contribute to the formation of the Safety and Behavioral Requirements. These laws are made by **adults** for all to follow. The role of the Alateen is to cooperate and abide by established requirements. With that in mind, participation of an Alateen on this Task Force is not recommended. I would expect that discussion can occur in the Alateen meetings so their voices are reflected through the AMIAS and GRs that serve them.” Minutes, 11/17 /2017 Area World Service Assembly

The Task Force, created by the current Chairperson of SCWS, has been meeting weekly, on conference calls and, on occasion with the WSO staff and Area Officers, as requested. We are focusing on the outline given to us at the November Assembly and are well into uncovering and discovering our strengths and our weaknesses. Our Behavioral and Safety Guidelines seem to be pretty well thought out. We can, however, improve our communication and follow through.

Two new forms for the meetings will be ready to put into use soon, as well as a division of duties for the Alateen Sponsor Coordinator. We will also be looking at DR/DAL training and having more District, AIS and Area AMIAS support sessions. As always, we need trained and dedicated members who are willing to help by being AMIAS - to drive, sub for meetings and help out at events, in addition to a continuing need for meeting sponsors. In addition, we, along with our newly formed Alateen Advisory Council, will take a look at lowering the age of Alateens in our Area, bringing our Area more in line with what is accepted nationally.

Let your DAL's and meeting sponsors know that though they don't have a voice at Assembly, we look forward to their support and encouragement at the May Assembly. Of course, Alateen members are welcome as well! And Alateen Group Reps are essential to our success.

Please use the email address on the SCWS website to contact the Task Force with your questions, comment and/or concerns. We are all willing to be of service in any way we can.

Many thanks and love for Alateen and Al-Anon in service,

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