Southern California World Service (SCWS) Area

Alateen/AMIAS Task Force

"Alateen is part of the
Al-Anon fellowship.
Alateen members are to
be included in Al-Anon
activities wherever possible
at the Area and
local levels."

~Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual p. 90

Pop Quiz!

True/False: A Member of AA who has been in Al-Anon for 2+ consecutive years can become an AMIAS?

True – Press 1

False – Press 2

I Have No Idea – Press 3

True! Al-Anon members who are also members of A.A. may be certified as an AMIAS and serve as an Alateen Group Sponsor in keeping with the Area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. ~Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual p. 36

Pop Quiz Continued

True/False: There is a minimum age of 18 to attend Al-Anon. Anyone younger should attend Alateen

True – Press 1
False – Press 2
No Clue– Press 3

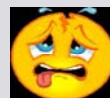*False!* Alateens are always welcome to attend an Al-Anon meeting. *~Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual p. 38*

Pop Quiz Continued

True/False: The Area Safety & Behavioral Requirements are simply **guidelines** and do not have to be entirely followed

True – Press 1

False – Press 2

I Am Starting To Get A Headache – Press 3

False! 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. ~Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual p. 93

Acronyms You'll Want to Know

- **AATF** –Alateen/AMIAS Task-Force

- **AMIAS** – Al-Anon Member Involved In Alateen Service

- **AMIBR –** *Alateen Meeting Information & Behavioral Requirements form*

- **ASBRs** – Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements

- **DAL** – District Alateen Liaison

- **DR** – District Representative

- **SCWS** – Southern California World Service

- **WSO** – World Service Office

What's The History of Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements?

WSO Motion 2003 and Guidance

The Al-Anon fellowship should take all necessary steps to provide a safe environment for Alateens and the Al-Anons involved in Alateen Service."

~Alateen Motion from the Board of Trustees (December 8, 2003)

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

~Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual p.93

SCWS Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBRs) 2013

Why Was Our SCWS Alateen/Al-Anon Task-Force (AATF) Created?

- Alateen Before 2003

- Alateen After WSO Board of Trustees 2003 Motion

- SCWS Created SCWS Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBRs) 2013

- SCWS Alateen Issues 2017

- Area Charge to Alateen/AMIAS Task Force (AATF) November 2017 (see following slides)

- Creation of AATF 2017
  - Accountability to SCWS Area and WSO

What Is SCWS's Charge to The Alateen/AMIAS Task-Force (AATF)?

To share with the WSO and SCWS Assembly:

"the steps [our] Area has taken and changes implemented to assure yourselves and the Board of Trustees that the California South Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements process is meeting its objectives so our confidence can be restored as to the safety of young people who attend Alateen meetings and the integrity of the Al-Anon and Alateen names"

What Happened Next?

- *The November 2017 Assembly voted to form an Alateen/AMIAS Task Force*

- Our Alateen/AMIAS Task Force will:
    - Formulate immediate changes to implement in our AMIAS (and DAL) training modules
    - improve communication between the Area, District, and AMIAS, and
    - review/recommend possible updates for our 2013 Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBRs) to be reported to the May, 2018 Assembly.

    Prior to this motion, the SCWS Officers and Board met and had conference calls with the WSO to problem-solve and "reason things out." We gathered ideas regarding changes for our Area to:
    - Increase the communication between the Area, Districts and AMIAS'
    - improve the supervision of Alateens, and
    - enhance trainings for AMIAS'

- Three categories of focus were identified:
    - Area Level
    - District Level
    - Alateen Group/AMIAS Levels

Before We Continue:
Policy vs. Procedure

Definitions

- Policy
  - a set of ideas or a plan of what to do in particular situations that has been agreed on officially by a group of people,

- Procedure
  - a particular way of accomplishing something or of acting
  - A set of actions that is the official or accepted way of doing something
  - a tried and true process or method used to accomplish a particular task

At The Area Level
SCWS Charge to AATF:

- ***At the Area Level:***
  - Increase our members' awareness/knowledge that "Alateen is Al-Anon" and we are all responsible for Alateen safety
  - Divide and distribute current workload for SCWS Alateen/AMIAS-related Coordinator positions to more than two Coordinators
  - Institute trainings for District Representatives (DRs), District Alateen Liaisons (DALs), AIS Alateen Liaisons
  - Update trainings for AMIAS'
  - Revisit and revise our 2013 Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBRs)

At The Area Level:
Area Charge to AATF – What Has Been Done So Far?

- Our SCWS Area has expanded Alateen Coordinator positions from three to five:

  1) Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator (AASC)
  2) Area Alateen Processing Person (AAPP)
  3) Area Alateen Communication Coordinator (AACC)
  4) Area Alateen Events Coordinator (AAEC)

- 5.) Area Alateen Coordinator (Member of Alateen)

  (Stay tuned for more information)

- Reviewed and Revised Area Safety & Behavioral Requirements(ASBRs) to both ensure consistency as well as clarify policy & procedure already in place

At The Area Level:
Area Charge to AATF – Procedural Recommendations

- Create and implement Alateen training for DRs/DALs so they can be better informed of their roles

- Institute a quiz at both initial and recertification training to ensure our AMIAS' grasp our Twelve Traditions & our Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBRs)

- Quarterly Area Alateen Newsletter sent to AMIAS', DRs, DALs & AISs

- Create a message board for AMIAS' to communicate & share experience, strength and hope (once our SCWS website is updated)

At The District Level:
Area Charge to AATF – Procedural Recommendations

- DRs and/or DALs visit District's Alateen Meetings at least once a year

- DRs/DALs/AMIAS' in the same district will attend "District AMIAS Meetings" twice a year to promote and advance ongoing communication

- District maintains a copy of each Alateen meeting's *Alateen Meeting Information and Behavior Requirements (AMIBR)* form and ensures they are updated at least once every 6 months

- DR/DAL to return a "State of the District Alateen Report" annually to the AAPP by May 31st

At The Alateen Group/AMIAS Level:
Area Charge to AATF – Recommendations

- Establish/Update AMIAS Sub List for each Alateen meeting with at least 3-5 possible Area-certified AMIAS substitutes

- Implement/Update Alateen AMIBR form (SCWS will provide the template)

Area Alateen Policy Recommendations:
Age of Alateens

- Alateen in the SCWS Area is a fellowship for younger members up to the age of 19.

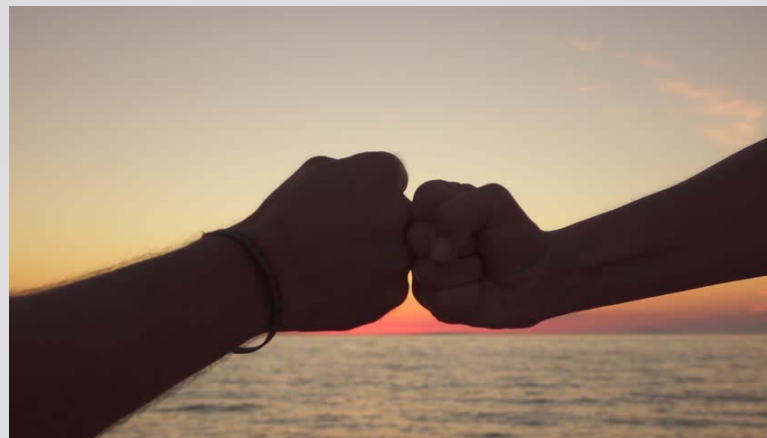- Older members of Alateen are encouraged to attend Al-Anon

Area Alateen Policy Recommendations: Voting on Matters Regarding Alateen Safety

The Southern California World Service (SCWS) Al-Anon Family Groups (also known as California South, Area 4) are responsible for Alateen. To this end:

1.   the Al-Anon Family Groups in SCWS shall take all necessary steps to provide a safe environment for Alateens and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS),

2.   the SCWS Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBRs) state the policies which ensure such safety,

3.   members in their teen years who are legal adults agree to abide by the SCWS ASBRs when participating as Alateens at Alateen meetings and Alateen events.

4.   Alateen members will no longer vote on policy or safety matters when on committees, with the exception that all Alateen Group Representatives (GRs_ may vote on all matters at Assembly.

Area Alateen Policy Recommendations:
Required Number of Group Sponsors At Meetings

- The Task-Force recommends that there must be at least <u>two</u> certified Alateen Group Sponsors (AMAISs) at every Alateen Meeting

Policy KBDM
(Your chance to ask for Clarification/Ask Questions)

Reminders:

- GRs/DRs/Officers/Coordinators/Past Delegates/Intergroup Liaisons/ AWSC Convention Chairs / have a voice. Please identify your service position and/or group your representing before you speak

- Please don't take more than a **minute** at the microphone so everyone has a chance to share

- Don't repeat what other people have said

- No clapping

- Stick to the subject

for this opportunity to be of service!

Remember, Alateen *is* Al-Anon!