

Southern California World Service  
Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements  
for  
Alateen Groups, Alateen Sponsors,  
and  
Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)

Summary of Proposed 8/2/11 Updates

<http://scws-al-anon.org/alateen.php>

# AMIAS Eligibility Requirements Update

- Minimum age for Al-Anon members involved in Alateen service changed from 21 years old to 25.
  - Allows time for young adults to further mature emotionally before assuming roles of legal responsibility
  - Allows time for friends still attending Alateen to transition avoiding conflicts and awkward situations

Most AMIAS issues to date have involved recently-transitioned Alateen members who became Alateen Sponsors

# AMIAS Eligibility Requirements

## New

- Know how to contact District and SCWS Alateen personnel
- Have a working knowledge of Alateen Policy
- Attend at least one SCWS Alateen Sponsor Workshop
- Complete and pass background check
- Resign immediately if 3 or more SCWS Committee members feel a controversy interferes with AMIAS role.
  - One of the 3 must be an Executive Board member or the Area Alateen Sponsor Coordinator

These new requirements codify current area practices and previously documented procedures

# AMIAS Requirements & Responsibilities

- A set of requirements clearly stating what is expected of a certified sponsor (new)
  - Ensure safety of Alateen members and meetings
  - Respect and protect Alateen member anonymity
  - Ensure that Alateen members know how and whom to contact in case of questions / concerns (i.e., the complaint process)
  - Ensure that another certified sponsor covers a meeting when unable to attend
  - Re-certify annually and maintain AMIAS personal information
  - Maintain Alateen group registration and group records
  - Attend at least one Alateen Sponsor workshop annually
  - Encouraged to attend and promote Alateen functions

These new requirements codify current area practices

# Area Certification Processes

- Area Certification Process (update)
  - Reworded to unambiguously state Area practices
- Area Re-Certification Process (new)
  - Extracted from prior certification process description and enhanced to clearly describe Area practice
- District Responsibilities (new)
  - Extracted from prior certification process description and greatly expanded to clearly describe the District Representative's responsibilities
- Complaint Process (new)
  - Created to clearly describe Area practice

Clarifications of previously documented procedures and new procedures

# Area Requirements for Alateen Meetings and Events

- Updated to describe separately the requirements for an Alateen meeting and events with Alateen participation
  - There is a lot of commonality between the two sets of requirements, but a few important differences
- Clarify prior requirements description
  - Add descriptions of inappropriate interaction between an Alateen member and any adult before, during or after an Alateen activity (new)
  - Add description of prohibited items and behaviors at an Alateen activity (new)
- Events with Alateen participation unique requirements
  - 2 Alateen Sponsors (update)
  - Parental Permission and Medical Care consent forms
  - Submittal of plan by event committee to Area Chairperson describing how Alateens will be kept safe, including the names of the Alateen Sponsors involved (new)

Primarily a clarification of previously documented requirements