

DR & Coordinator reports for Spring Assembly 2024

DR REPORTS

DISTRICT 001 WINDWARD - alt DR Gayle

DISTRICT 003 MAUI - Shannon

DISTRICT 004 LEEWARD - alt DR Lani

DISTRICT 005 CENTRAL- Kirk

DISTRICT 006 KAUA'I - Julia

DISTRICT 007 WEST HAWAII - Julie

DISTRICT 009 EAST HAWAII -Tamera

DISTRICT 001 WINDWARD - alt DR Gayle

Windward District is without a, DR, Alt DR, Treasurer and Secretary. Gayle Fox has stepped up to be Alt DR, but still needs to contact all Windward AFGs and ask for a vote. I am also asking Sharon (last initial unknown) if she wants to step up as DR. That's all I have for right now. Mahalo

DISTRICT 003 MAUI - Shannon

Aloha Al-Anon Ohana,

My name is Shannon Ribao and I am the District Representative for Maui. I started serving on HAWSC Panel 64 in January 2024. I was "inducted" by Sandy S. (our past DR) with a beautiful lei and yummy chocolate cake. and a warm welcome at our 1st District Meeting on 1/2/2024. I am so excited to be a part of this panel and look forward to working with everyone over the next 3 years.

Our Maui District is represented by 14 groups on Maui, Molokai and Lanai. We currently have 7 GR's. As a DR, my goal is to encourage others to step up to be a Group Representative so that all of our groups have representation.

Our district meetings are in person and on zoom on the 1st Tuesday of each month. We have a potluck for those who attend in person which everyone looks forward to.

We are also working on building our Alateen program and excited to have a new coordinator and team that will work together to support our youth and families.

Best wishes and hope everyone has a great time at the Spring Assembly. Unfortunately I will not be attending due to a prior commitment but our Alt DR, Jane S. will be there to represent the Maui District.

Thank you all for your service!!!

With Love and Gratitude,
Shannon R. - Maui DR

DISTRICT 004 LEEWARD - alt DR Lani

Leeward District Alt DR Report : Lani 4.12.24

Aloha Spring Assembly,

It is an honor to be part of an amazing committee, I am truly blessed. Leeward District Rep is Sandy M., she holds district meetings the 1st Monday of the month between 7:00pm-8:00pm.

We have 5 active groups.

- Makakilo AFG – meets Tuesday @ 5pm
- Letting Go AFG – meets Wednesday @ 7pm
- North Shore Serenity AFG – meets Wednesday @ 6:30pm
- One Day at a Time AFG – meets Thursday @ 10:00am
- Mililani Friday Night AFG – meets Friday @ 7:30pm

All groups are represented by either a GR/Alt GR or attending member at the meeting. All 4 meetings are in person and 1 is hybrid still offering zoom option. The Tuesday and Thursday meetings are at the Kapolei Regional Park, so it's been nice to have more daylight time available before the sun goes down. Most meetings average 5-6 people. The Wednesday night meeting can average anywhere between 5-6 or 12-20 at times.

We have been discussing the importance of business meetings within the groups and all groups either confirmed they are having business meetings regularly or they are aware they need one and will be working on scheduling a regular business meeting within their own group.

Some GR/Alt GR positions remain unfilled, but it is a work in progress, and we remain confident someone will step up to these positions. All groups are collecting the 7th Tradition. Not all groups are contributing Group splits to the District, we are working on this.

April 2024 One Day at a Time turns 10 years old. They will be celebrating by having a luncheon after their meeting 4-18-24.

The Leeward GR's/Alt GRs and members are looking forward to the Spring Assembly. I wanted to be part of the meetings, but not have a commitment tied to me, so I attended Sandy's district meeting as a visiting member with no service position. We started talking about planning for the Assembly, she was going to be traveling so she needed someone to attend the Area Assembly to take minutes and bring it back to the group, which I volunteered to do. The funny part about "service" is the job finds you, and not the other way around. What started out as a "I can help while you are out" turned into a 3-year commitment (Alternate DR). This has ALL been a

blessing for me. I've learned so much about the "WE" factor. WE, as a committee have been meeting weekly to plan for the Spring Assembly. WE will be holding an AFG Rock Painting event on May 4, 2024. We will be painting AI-Anon themed rocks to be given out at Spring Assembly. The registration, meals, housing, decorations, have all been finalized for Spring Assembly. We are still looking for volunteers for drivers for transportation to and from the airport. WE are ready to host a fantastic Assembly. Thank you to all our members who show up and participate to make AI-Anon available for future generations.

I want to see AI-Anon continue to grow and sooooo I say to myself...LET IT BEGIN WITH ME. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

DISTRICT 005 CENTRAL- Kirk

Central District Report, Panel 64

From: Kirk Caldwell, District Representative, Central District, Panel64

For: Spring Assembly

Date: May 15, 2024

The Central District is comprised of twelve Groups. All of them are active and meet regularly. Some are smaller than others.

Six groups have General Representatives and six groups do not have General Representatives. The six groups that do not have General Representatives do have a contact person to represent the group and some of them attend the monthly Central District meetings.

We do not have an Alternate District Representative. Margaret has a strong grip on our finances as our Treasurer. She also has been standing in for me when I cannot make it to a meeting. Kate is our secretary, and she has been doing an awesome job getting our minutes out the same evening as our monthly District Meetings. Other positions remain unfilled. We will continue to look for members to fill them.

We have majority participation from most of our twelve groups at our monthly Central District meetings and vigorous discussion on matters such as getting a post office box to dealing with a pornographic incident in one of our all-Zoom meetings. We are going to have a tutorial on how to enhance our Zoom hosting abilities to prevent this from happening again.

All in all, things are moving along in the Central District.

Mahala.

DISTRICT 006 KAUA'I - Julia

April 2024 Kauai District Report:Julia

I attended 3 of our 6 Kauai island meetings this week.

We are in the process of registering Friday Noon as a Global Electronic Area meeting. It is the one and only exclusively zoom meeting, and is in need of member support, there were only two of us at the meeting this week.

We have 2 hybrid meetings (on zoom and in person).

We have 3 in-person only meetings.

The 3 in person meetings have average 10-15 members per week.

We are hosting a Spring Fundraiser on May 4th, with a bake sale, silent auction and AA & AL-Anon speakers to support District expenses. From Julia

DISTRICT 007 WEST HAWAII - Julie

Julie, West Hawaii DR. Report Spring 2024

We have been having our District meetings by Zoom on the second Monday of each month at 7:00PM. We have had a Treasurer and are just about to get the position of Secretary filled at our next meeting.

At the current time in West Hawaii we have:

- three in-person meetings
- six electronic meetings
- two in-person meetings with electronic option.

We also have:

- one Alateen meeting weekly with a group of five AMIAS
- a District Birthday Speaker Meeting on the third Saturday of each month

Six Al-Anon groups have GR's. For all the groups without GR's, often the explanation is that there is a high percentage of dual members, who cannot serve as GR. I reached out to those groups and was able to have four Al-Anon members willing to serve as contact person for their group. In terms of being able to be a non-GR link of service between Area, District and Group—

I considered that AA membership is an outside issue and wanted to be guided by Concept 4.

We have had an opportunity to try the KBDM process with a question on our monthly District Birthday Meeting. At the beginning of the pandemic, this became an online meeting. The opportunity has arisen that we could change the meeting format to include in-person and still retain the electronic option. A member has offered an office location that is currently being used by some other 12 step meetings. The discussion began at the February meeting and continues, as we continue to ask: What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Recently, some members requested assistance with Public Outreach from our Area Coordinator; I was advised by my service sponsor that this was the customary path to follow. When I asked the Coordinator, he told me that this is a District responsibility. Although I was surprised—I then began pondering how to go about this—and I got the idea to suggest to our GR's and contact persons that they might want to ask their groups if they would like to think of a local institution or professional with whom they could keep in touch and bring Al-Anon meeting schedules and literature. I will present this idea at District meeting which this month will be April 15th.

DISTRICT 009 EAST HAWAII - Tamera

East Hawaii: Tamera

*East Hawaii District is doing well! We held a very fun "Love Gift Creation Session" for Kau'i on March 23rd. We are having regular district meetings and working on attracting new members in service.

Here is our quick update on our groups:

Serenity on Sunday (perm. online): They have a PEG Status with attendance averaging 6-8 members per week. A few new changes to the meeting format:

They post in the Zoom chat a newcomer link besides offering to mail a newcomer packet and a QR Code for Paypal to help collect 7th tradition. The 5th Sunday of the month they have a speaker meeting.

Courage to Change Volcano: NO GR

Monday Night Fourth Step (perm. online): NO GR

Loving Interchange Honoka'a: NO GR

Steps to Serenity: Everything is dandy for Thursday evening Steps to Serenity

Super Saturday AFG: Super Saturday Hilo is doing well with an average of around 12 people in person up to 16 and 3-5 online each week. Our donations are holding steady and consistent each week. The group recently purchased over \$200.00 in literature and are currently looking for a literature person and an alternate GR. They are growing slow and steady and are considering moving to a larger room to accommodate more people

I am excited to see you all at Spring Assembly!!!!

-Respectfully Submitted by a VERY grateful member of AI-Anon,
Tamera L.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

ARCHIVES – Jessica

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ALATEEN – OPEN COORDINATOR POSITION - Kauai

ARCHIVES – Jessica

Archives Coordinator Report, Spring Assembly 2024 Submitted by Jess Gleason

As Archives Coordinator for Panel 64, my goal is to align archives work with HAWSC 64's Vision, Mission, and Goals by connecting with Districts and Groups throughout our Area to help capture the diverse and unique histories and legacies of AI-Anon Family Groups in Hawaii as a reminder of how our collective experience, strength, and hope has sustained us in the past, brought us to our present, and will carry us in the future. In order to accomplish this goal, my objectives for this panel are the following:

Reach out to DRs, GRs, long-time members (such as past delegates), group officers and interested members to form a committee who shares an enthusiasm for or interest in collecting, preserving, and sharing Group, District, and Hawaii Area history.

Gather information about past and present archives work at the Group, District, and Area levels to share at meetings, assemblies, on the Hawaii Area website, and other events to spark interest in building and sustaining archives.

Explore different tools and methods for preserving our collective history both physically and digitally.

Work with an Archives Committee to create a thought force/task force that explores the creation of guidelines for the Hawaii Area that will clarify our objectives and suggest standards for the preservation, storage, and access to materials.

Utilize tools offered by the WSO Archives and share those tools with the Archives Committee and Area at larg

GROUP COORDINATOR REPORT - Yolanda

Group Record Coordinator: Yolanda

Here are the group record reports for Hawaii.

If changes were made recently then they may not yet be on this report.

I've sent dozens of group changes to AFG and they've sent me many that they have made.

Please check that your District meetings are correct.

WSO will be also sending out group information to GRS and CMAS. (current mailing addresses in case you don't have a GR or the mailing goes to someone else)

I have been learning as I go, especially concerning files, drives etc.

i have attended a 2 hour zoom meeting with AFG for Group Record Coordinators and also watched a 2 hour video from AFG. They are considering making the meetings more often and shorter.

There is also an AFG Connects site where questions and answers are posted frequently for Group Record Coordinators.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Serving with Aloha.



Yolanda

Group List By District

3/24/2024

<u>ID</u>	<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Mtg City</u>	<u>Mtg Zip</u>	<u>Req Date</u>
District 0001	Group Count 10				
3314	Aikahi Noon Hui AFG	Active	Kailua	96734	
37128	Steps to Serenity AFG	Active	Kailua	96744	
30562439	Lunch Time Recovery AFG	Inactive	Kailua	96734-4368	07/14/2010
30578439	As We Understood AFG	Active	Kailua	96734	04/26/2011
30639451	Keep It Simple Saturdays AFG	Active	Kailua	96734	07/24/2014
30793874	How AFG Works Book Study	Active	Kailua	63734	08/17/2022
30809418	Progress Not Perfection AFG	Active	Kailua	96734	04/12/2023
3316	Kailua AFG	Inactive	Kailua	96734-4368	
24532	Kaneohe Beginners AFG	Inactive	Kaneohe	96744-5700	
31010	Kaneohe Kohua Hui AFG	Active	Kaneohe	96744	
District 0003	Group Count 16				
3301	Upcountry Monday Morning AFG	Active	Haiku	96708	
66788	AFG Celebrating Serenity	Active	Haiku	96708-5075	10/31/2002
30504547	AFG Upcountry Just for Today	Active	Haiku	96708-5001	03/27/2007
25845	AFG Saturday Morning Adult Children	Active	Kahului	96732	
25166	AFG Tuesday Alanoon	Active	Kihei	96753-8999	
36814	Aloha Wednesday AFG	Inactive	Kihei	96753-6805	
65347	Kihei Friday Noon AFG	Active	Kihei	96753-8128	05/22/2001
67278	AFG Kihei Friday Night Lamplight	Inactive	Kihei	96753-8128	04/21/2003
502109	Molokai AFG	Active	Kualapuu	96757	02/15/2005
41175	Hope For Today AFG	Inactive	Lahaina	96761	
30676022	Stick with Us AFG	Inactive	Lahaina	96761-1117	08/24/2016
30695122	AFG Women's Group - Courage to Change	Reported Not Meeting	Lahaina	96761	11/22/2017
30627034	Let It Begin With Me AFG on Thursday Nights	Inactive	Lanai City	96763	12/05/2013
30518682	AFG Maluhia Ohana	Active	Pukalani	96768-8726	03/18/2008
3303	AFG Happy Day	Active	Wailuku	96793-1626	
3304	AFG E Komo Mai	Active	Wailuku	96793-1637	
District 0004	Group Count 8				
3306	Kokua Ohana Step AFG	Inactive	Aiea	96701-5012	
28192	Courage to Change AFG	Inactive	Aiea	96701-5012	
30726	Heart to Heart AFG	Inactive	Aiea	96701-3632	
38256	Letting go AFG	Active	Aiea	96701-5012	
62424	Makakilo AFG	Active	Kapolei	96707	04/24/1998
30635724	One Day at a Time AFG	Active	Kapolei	96707	05/08/2014
3321	Mililani AFG	Active	Mililani	96789-1452	
501522	North Shore Serenity AFG	Active	Waialua	96791-9672	08/25/2004
District 0005	Group Count 10				
3309	Kupa'a Step Study AFG	Active	Honolulu	96814-1130	
3310	Makiki Monday Night AFG	Active	Honolulu	96822-4614	
3313	Thursday Noon At The Crossroads AFG	Active	Honolulu	96822-2490	
28191	Japanese Speaking AFG	Active	Honolulu	96814-2217	

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36354	A New Beginning AFG	Active	Honolulu	96817-4032	
40425	Sunday Nite Aloha AFG	Active	Honolulu	96822-2414	
65864	Catch the Wave AFG	Active	Honolulu	96815	12/03/2001
30786249	Saturday Night Hawaii Kai AFG	Active	Honolulu	96821	04/28/2022
30805105	AFG Conference Approved Literature Meeting	Inactive	Honolulu	96826	02/15/2023
30814837	Making Choices AFG	Active	Honolulu	96815	07/05/2023
District 0006 Group Count 10					
30787	Kapaa Sunday AFG	Active	Kapaa	96746	10/30/1985
30580111	Tuesday Noon AFG	Inactive	Kapaa	96746-1626	05/31/2011
62853	Friday Courage to Change Sunset AFG	Inactive	Koloa	96756-9528	10/28/1998
30517876	Easy Does It AFG	Inactive	Koloa	96756-9528	02/27/2008
30618743	Thursday Morning Spirituality and Step Meeting AFG	Active	Koloa	96756	06/20/2013
26395	Wednesday Noon AFG	Active	Lihue	96766-8625	06/18/1984
503952	Saturday Paths To Recovery AFG	Inactive	Lihue	96766-1814	10/09/2006
30703020	Kauai AFG Step Sudy Group	Inactive	Lihue	96766	05/09/2018
30568767	One Step At A Time AFG	Active	Princeville	96722	11/09/2010
30569402	Detachment Strength and Hope AFG	Active	Waimea	96796	11/18/2010
District 0007 Group Count 15					
61684	Tuesday Book Study AFG	Active	Captain Cook	96704	
502636	North Kohala AFG	Inactive	Hawi	96719	08/02/2005
3293	Kailua Kona AFG	Active	Kailua Kona	96740-2266	
65773	Friday Night Beginners Meeting AFG	Active	Kailua Kona	96740	10/24/2001
504127	Monday Miracles AFG	Inactive	Kailua Kona	96740-1752	12/20/2006
30540294	As we Understood AFG	Active	Kailua Kona	96740	07/23/2009
30633480	Aloha Friday AFG	Active	Kailua Kona	96740-2266	03/27/2014
30698249	Courage To Change AFG	Active	Kailua Kona	96740	01/31/2018
30732839	Baby Steps AFG	Active	Kailua Kona	96740	02/05/2020
66524	Puako AFG	Inactive	Kamuela	96743-9708	07/25/2002
503402	AFG for Those Who Love Alcoholics	Inactive	Kamuela	96743-8441	03/30/2006
30834993	AFG	Active	Kapaau	96755	03/13/2024
30714400	Discovery Harbour Open Participation AFG	Active	Naalehu	96772	01/16/2019
65709	Women Seeking Serenity AFG	Active	Ocean View	96737-6026	09/26/2001
503335	Waikoloa AFG	Inactive	Waikoloa	96738	03/14/2006
District 0009 Group Count 8					
28697	Friday Night Live AFG	Inactive	Hilo	96720-1230	
52290	Turning Point AFG	Inactive	Hilo	96720-1230	
501546	Super Saturday AFG	Active	Hilo	96720	09/03/2004
30650476	Read Write Ka'Analike AFG	Inactive	Hilo	96720-4026	02/27/2015
30650040	Steps To Serenity AFG	Active	Honokaa	96727-6940	02/12/2015
30766041	Loving Interchange AFG	Active	Honokaa	96727	06/16/2021
30526069	Transforming Our Lives AFG	Inactive	Keaau	96749	09/17/2008
30619829	Step By Step Womens Step Study AFG	Inactive	Keaau	96749	07/11/2013

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Main Report

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Grand Total Group Count		77			

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LITERATURE – Denize

Literature Coordinator Report: Denize

April, 2024

Aloha kākou! As a new Literature coordinator, I have been learning more and more about my position and what I am responsible for in our Area. I hope I can help bring our wonderful CAL into the spotlight here in Hawai'i and at the forefront of our meetings.

Part of my responsibilities include The Forum magazine. This amazing resource subscription costs \$11 and is a fantastic opportunity to bring Al-Anon more into our recovery. The Forum is looking for submissions for publication on the following topics:

- Our 3 legacies
- Alcoholism, a Merry Go Round Named Denial
- Just for Tonight Al-Ateen
- A Little Time for Myself

Submissions can be made by mail:

The Forum
1600 Corporate Landing Parkway
Virginia Beach, VA, 23454-5617
Attn: CAL Corner
By email at:
wso@... with CAL Corner in the subject line
Or online:
al-anon.org/forumshare

They also accept submissions for photos. It would be wonderful to see the beauty of our islands in the Forum!

In service,

Denize

WEB – Nathan

Web Coordinator Report – April 13, 2024: Nathan

Aloha Kākou,

I started my term as Panel 64 Web Coordinator on February 10th 2024, when I traveled to O'ahu for the

HAWSC Panel 64 orientation meeting. Thanks to the efforts of my extremely helpful predecessor Michelle I feel the transition has gone very smoothly.

I have been able to add numerous events to the website calendar, update meeting schedules and post new meeting changes on main meeting page.

I have put together an electronic/hybrid only meeting list for the Hawaii Area.

I've also put together the registration process for the Spring Assembly this year.

I've taken numerous help calls/emails to facilitate our Area as it relates to technology and web-based communication.

I have been able to participate in the AFG Connects Web Coordinator Forum.

So far the main challenge I've faced has been in understanding my role and learning the details of our website interface.

Now that I've got my head around much of what it is to be a web coordinator, I hope to do more things like, putting together guidelines to facilitate smooth communication, polishing up the website, and continuing to creatively work towards better meeting our vision.

Mahalo,

Nathan

HAWSC Panel 64 Web Coordinator

PUBLIC OUTREACH – Earl

Hawaii Area Public Outreach Earl Allen Coordinator

As public outreach coordinator for Panel 64 it is my aim to align my vision of public outreach so that it matches the goals, mission and value statement as set by the panel.

Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

My understanding of this step is that all members of this fellowship is responsible to carry our message to others. In other words, everyone is responsible for public out reach.

Goals

- * To make sure all groups and districts contribute to public outreach in their area
- * To establish a public outreach coordinator for each district and meet once a quarter to discuss strategy
- * Provide a comprehensive list by of schools, hospitals, clinics, recovery centers, therapists, to call on to deliver our literature and meeting list.
- * Develop an annual one month public outreach drive
- * Increase our membership 10% in the three year period of this panel
- * Try to encourage younger generations to our fellowship
- * To remember how we felt before we arrived here and provide the tools of the program so that those who suffer can feel better

ALATEEN – OPEN COORDINATOR POSITION - Kauai

Delegate Kau'i

Hawaii Area Committee Meeting Delegates/Alateen Coordinator/AAPP Reports April 13, 2024

- In 2024 (3) Trustee at Large positions will become available through rotation of leadership. Information about the positions and an online application can be found at: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/board-of-trustees/>.
- I will be leaving for the 2024 World Service Conference on April 13 - April 22, 2024. My hats off to all the Delegates who have come before me. The amount of reading material, voting, surveys, meetings, and various other activities before even going to the WSC have been beyond what I could have imagined. The time difference between Hawaii and the continental U.S. has been the most challenging for me. Just when I thought I had it figured out, they changed to daylight savings time! Lucky for me all meetings are recorded and can be played back, and minutes are always provided. For those Districts and individuals who gave your input regarding Stepping Stones beyond 2025, and Chosen Agenda Items, please know that I am proud to be your voice at the WSC. For those Districts and individuals who have contributed love gifts for me to take to conference a big Mahalo. I have enough to take and they are all beautiful. It goes without saying how excited I am go be going to conference and meeting all of the other Delegates. Lastly, I take all your Aloha with me to represent Hawaii AFG. Thank you for allowing me to be your trusted servant. See you all soon!

Alateen Coordinator

- In the absence of an Alateen Coordinator, the Delegate serves as the Alateen Coordinator. This is the only reason I am serving in this position at this time. So, If you, or someone in your District or in the fellowship is interested in becoming Hawaii's Alateen Coordinator please fill out,

or have them fill out the AFG Coordinator Position Service Experience Form, on our website under Home_ Assembly Documentation, and submit it to our Area Chair. Mahalo.

- A document regarding “Validation & Implementation Planning for Creating Electronic Alateen Groups in the WSC Structure and Internationally” was released. (See attached document). It outlines the WSC Structure Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements which replaced the former Global EASM (Electronic Alateen Safety Minimums. A comparison chart is shown. Why is this important when we don't have electronic Alateen meetings? Well, short answer is we might someday.

AAPP (Area Alateen Process Persons)

- Also, when there is a vacancy in the Area for Alateen Coordinator, the Delegate serves as the AAPP. This position is responsible for certifying and re-certifying AMIASs (AI-Anon Members In Alateen Service). This position also verifies that Alateen meetings are active and that the meeting meets the Alateen requirements for safety.

- The process for re-certification for AMIASs (AI-Anon Members in Alateen Service) has begun. Please contact me by email if you would like to remain an AMIAS or not if I have not already reached out to you. You can access the form by going to our "AI-Anon Family Groups Hawaii" website and follow this sequence: Home_Members_HAWSC, enter passcode "AFG", then click on the Area Coordinator Page_Alateen_Volunteer and download the application. It is a fillable PDF, you can fill it out, and send it to me.

Mahalo,

Kaui Poaha Delegate, Panel 64

Validation & Implementation Planning for Creating Electronic Alateen Groups
in the WSC Structure and Internationally

Background:

In 2020, the Board of Trustees of the World Service Conference (WSC) approved the Strategic Plan Strategy: Alateen Electronic Group Feasibility with the following scope and objective:

- Scope: Evaluate the implications of and gain agreement on a cohesive approach for expanding online Alateen meetings (not including Alateen events) availability through the AI-Anon Family Groups Mobile App and other electronic platforms.

- Objective: Make electronic groups available for all Alateen members who wish to participate, ensuring the safety of Alateen and AMIAS members.

Charged with implementation, the WSO Staff formed a Project Team, and a pilot project started in December 2020 with Alateen groups that migrated from the obsolete WSO Alateen Chat platform into the AI-Anon Family Groups Mobile App. To broaden our understanding of legal obligations and global implications relating to minors, the WSO also began working with a handful of international structures to participate in the pilot project. The Project Team discovered through these pilots that legal requirements and procedures in many international structures seem to be more stringent than those of the WSC Structure.

In 2022, the Project Team provided an update on the pilot project to the WSC, which can be read on page 31 of the 2022 WSC Summary (P-46). Since then, the Project Team has thoroughly researched the questions identified at the WSC and completed additional

Knowledge-Based Decision-Making sessions answering the question, “What do we wish we knew, but didn’t?”

At the International AI-Anon General Services Meeting (IAGSM) later that year, the World Service Office (WSO) renewed its commitment to ensuring international structures would have an opportunity to weigh in on AI-Anon policy matters prior to changes being presented to the World Service Conference (WSC). This statement recognized the WSO’s responsibility as the service arm for the World Service Conference, AI-Anon Family Groups’ senior Conference structure.

Through the Project Team’s efforts and collaboration with trusted servants serving Alateen worldwide, a potential solution emerged. In drafting this solution, the Project Team sought to consider what minimum requirements groups within the WSC might support in sponsoring electronic Alateen groups, recognizing that international structures would retain flexibility to increase minimums to reflect more stringent international legal requirements.

At the January 2023 Board of Trustees meeting, the Project Team recommended a conceptual solution and a course of action to gather feedback on that solution from international structures and WSC members. With the Board of Trustees’ approval, the Project Team was able to gather feedback from the international structures and you, our WSC members, at the 2023 WSC.

Following the 2023 WSC, the Project Team provided a comprehensive report to the Board of Trustees in July for its further consideration. The Board confirmed the Electronic Alateen Feasibility project scope—to evaluate implications and gain a cohesive approach—had been achieved. The Board charged the Staff Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) to define the next steps and present them at the October 2023 Board meeting.

The SLT reviewed the Board’s feedback. SLT also considered WSC member feedback to the survey about the proposed conceptual solution, whether you believed the solution would expand Alateen in the future, and whether WSC Areas would be able to support electronic Alateen groups. Your feedback was invaluable in defining the next steps to be addressed under a new Strategy: Electronic Alateen Validation & Implementation Planning. The Board unanimously approved the Strategy at its October 2023 meeting. The Project Team will present the details of this Strategy at this year’s Conference.

2024 WSC Conference Updates

In February 2024, Conference members were asked to gather more feedback from their Areas about the proposed conceptual process. Since we originally posted that request, the Project Team has recognized that the terms and language we have been using would benefit from further clarification. As a result, we are introducing several new terms to replace those we used in our February request and beforehand.

New term: Global Electronic Alateen Safety Minimums (Global EASM)

Previously: “Intentions” of EASBR for International Structures

As part of feedback gathering, some AI-Anon national structures informed us that international legislation would preclude them from implementing the specific requirements outlined in the original Global Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements. Therefore, the Project Team decided it needed to identify the intent, or minimum expectation, behind each requirement. This approach created a set of minimums for all international structures to support them in creating their own requirements that could adhere to local laws and AI-Anon policy. The resulting Global EASM represents minimums to which all structures globally, including the World Service Conference Structure, would need to adhere to host electronic Alateen groups.

New term: WSC Structure Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements

Previously: Global Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements or Potential (Conceptual) Solution

The Global EASM was derived from the “Global Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements”; however, in the end, the Project Team recognized the requirements themselves could not be applied globally. Based on 2023 WSC member feedback, it appears they will serve our WSC Structure; therefore, the requirements themselves will become the WSC Structure Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements or WSC EASBR. The WSC EASBR adheres to the Global EASM, and all Areas within the WSC Structure that wish to use the Alateen name to host electronic Alateen meetings will be required to adhere to the WSC EASBR once implemented. The Global EASM allows for flexibility to accommodate international laws. The WSC EASBR is defined to meet the legal requirements of United States, Canada, and Bermuda.

The chart below provides a side-by-side overview of the Global EASM and the WSC EASBR: Global Electronic Alateen Safety Minimums (Global EASM)

WSC Structure Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements (WSC EASBR)

The minimum set will adhere to the strictest requirement in the structure on reporting about abuse, self-harm, etc. Structures will adhere to the legal requirements if required to report.

AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service serving Electronic Alateen Groups (AMIAS-E) will be mandated reporters. The requirements will ensure teens are in the presence of adults who are safe to be around based on the available standard the country uses (not a traditional validation, but a uniformed standard).

AMIAS-E must pass a background check that verifies they have not been convicted of a felony or charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior.

Each Alateen group must meet virtually with the teen to allow the teen to validate their age and provide other registration details.

Each Alateen group must conduct a pre-interview of any new teen wishing to attend.

Each Alateen participant’s identity must be verified, and the AMIAS must create a record of approved/verified participants.

Pre-interview (registration) must be facilitated by registered AMIAS for that specific group.

Group Sponsors/AMIAS must have the information to help the teen receive the help they are seeking should the authorities need to be contacted.

Teen must show proof of age with photo identification, provide contact information where they can receive the meeting link, and share emergency contact information of custodial parent or legal guardian before being admitted to an electronic Alateen meeting.

Only age-appropriate minors can attend the meeting, and Group Sponsors must have data to inform those who are approaching the age limit and ensure the Alateen members who are joining are adhering to the structure's policy.

AMIAS/Group Sponsors maintain a list of information on Alateens interviewed and admitted to that specific group. Teens attending the meeting must be known to Group Sponsors and have been verified.

Alateens must show photo identification upon each subsequent entry to their electronic Alateen group, which is verified by AMIAS against the group list.

Global Electronic Alateen Safety Minimums (Global EASM)

WSC Structure Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements (WSC EASBR)

Group attendees are registered through the defined process, and only registered attendees/AMIAS have access to the meeting link.

Electronic Alateen group meeting links are not published on public facing websites.

There must be a method for members to join the meeting without breaking anyone's anonymity.

Only group name, meeting day, time and group emails may be displayed. Group email must protect member anonymity.

The safety of both the AMIAS and Alateens must be ensured through appropriate staffing.

Two Sponsors are required for an electronic Alateen group meeting to take place.

Establishment of these global minimums, along with requirements and a process of certification unique to each structure, would ensure the following:

- Alateen groups meeting electronically (electronic Alateen groups) could be recognized as AI-Anon Family Groups.
- WSC Areas would have the autonomy to decide if they wanted to host electronic Alateen groups.
- Electronic Alateen groups could be connected to their service structure with vote and voice.

One key benefit of this concept is that it allows the WSC Areas and international structures to remain autonomous and make the best decision for their service structure in relation to hosting Alateen groups electronically. The Project Team is excited that this solution could unite and provide additional opportunities for fellowship and meetings with Alateens across the WSC Structure and the worldwide fellowship. The Team hopes this opt-in approach will ultimately create unprecedented growth in Alateen.

2024 WSC Discussion

The World Service Conference will have a one-hour discussion to gather feedback from the questions you brought to your Areas:

- Do you understand the minimum requirements and duties described in the WSC EASBR (formerly the Global EASBR)?

o Is it clear?

- What questions does the WSC EASBR raise about the possibility of electronic Alateen groups taking place in your Area?

Complete Description of the WSC Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements¹:

Below is the conceptual WSC EASBR which, if approved in the future by the Board of Trustees, would permit Areas within the WSC Structure to register electronic Alateen groups. Based on Project Team research about legal requirements within the United States and Canada as well as insights gained from international structure partners participating in the Alateen Feasibility Strategic Plan Pilot Project, the following represents a potential set of requirements for any WSC Area hosting electronic Alateen groups. All suggested requirements below represent “the WHAT” and not “the HOW.”

Certification Process Minimums

- Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service serving Electronic Alateen Groups (AMIAS-E) would need to be mandated reporters.
- AMIAS-E would need to pass a background check that verifies they have not been convicted of a felony or charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior.

Alateen Participation Minimums

- Each electronic Alateen group would need to conduct a pre-interview of any new teen wishing to attend.

o Pre-interview would need to be facilitated by registered AMIAS for that specific group.

o Teen would need to show proof of age with photo identification, provide contact information where they can receive the meeting link, and share emergency contact information of custodial parent or legal guardian before being admitted to an electronic Alateen group meeting.

o AMIAS Group Sponsors would need to maintain a list of information on Alateens interviewed and admitted to that specific group.

- Alateens would need to show photo identification upon each subsequent entry to that Electronic Alateen Group which would be verified by AMIAS against the group list.

Electronic Alateen Meeting Management

- Meeting links would not be published on public-facing websites.

o Only group name, meeting day, time, and group email would be displayed. Group email would need to protect member anonymity.

- Two Group Sponsors would be required for the meeting to take place.

Preliminary Implementation Plans for WSC EASBR for WSC Structure Areas

Prerequisite

Areas in the WSC Structure (WSC Areas) would need to be currently certified to use the Alateen name by having approved Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR) in 1 Language has been updated throughout this section to align with new terminology in

place and would need to have approved supporting AI-Anon groups meeting electronically before they could be certified to support electronic Alateen groups.

Process

WSC Areas would have the autonomy to decide whether they wanted to host electronic Alateen groups. WSC Areas wishing to host electronic Alateen groups would need to gain their groups' approval to implement the WSC EASBR without modification. Once completed, Areas would submit their Area ASBR, including WSC EASBR, to the WSO for certification.

Prior to registering electronic Alateen groups, WSC Areas would need to establish a process for implementing the WSC EASBR. Areas would have the autonomy to define how they implement the process. The WSC Area process needs to include:

- Conducting training of AMIAS-E using additional training modules created by the WSO for WSC EASBR implementation and certification.
- Ensuring AMIAS-E who are sponsoring electronic Alateen groups meet WSC EASBR requirements.
- Reporting on AMIAS-E status during the Annual Alateen Certification or Recertification process.
- Validating and reporting all Electronic Alateen Groups registered to their Area have certified AMIAS-E Group Sponsor during the Annual Alateen Certification or Recertification process.

Commitment to Update & Evolve

Since the WSC EASBR would be subject to evolving legislation, including but not limited to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), it would be subject to change. The WSO would commit to monitoring relevant laws related to minors and updating the WSC EASBR to reflect new requirements to abide by the law at the time of enactment. WSC Areas opting in would agree to implement new requirements reflected in the WSC EASBR upon notification by the WSO.