

Ad Hoc Committee Report

Review of Alateen Guidelines & Requirements

AWSC Meeting 8-18-12

We have hit a standstill on this committee. I would like to discuss in more detail the two things I brought up in my report.

I would first like to stress the need for good communication. I received an e-mail for an Alateen group to attend in a specific place and according to my records the group still existed and the Alateen was disappointed to find that the meeting was closed. If I have it as available so does WSO. This is not good service to the public. It does not give a good impression.

At present there is no process in place to re-certify our Area's AMIAS personnel. Updating the groups is fairly straightforward. We need to implement a process of not only desire to be re-certified as an AMIAS, but also new requirements to be recertified.

The proposed letters of recommendation seems to be the logical first step in this process. If we can get these letters of recommendation approved before 2013, it would be my hope that we could use them to update our AMIAS list for the recertification that is due in 2013 through WSO. People who no longer wish to be on the AMIAS list would need to notify their District Representative or the Area Alateen Coordinator. Another concern is for people who are not abiding by the NYN Alateen Requirements to be an AMIAS or who have moved from the NYN Area.

I would like to have a yearly sponsor training requirement for re-certification. That would, possibly, be in the future.

Also, it has come up that there has been a request to list Alateen meeting on websites. Some districts currently do this and some don't. There needs to be discussion on this issue so that we have a unified Area decision on this issue.

I put the question out on the Alateen Discussion Boards and one area so far has said they never thought to not include the Alateen meeting on their websites. Another area decided to temporarily remove them from the websites(for safety concerns) but in the end decided to put them back on the websites and have been there for a year and a half without incident. These are the only two areas I have heard from so far.

The last thing that has come up is the need for background checks. There are other areas that do not require background checks and the expense is getting to be cost prohibitive. My hope is that the balance of extreme safety precautions can be balanced with the lack of safety requirements by having people be more responsible in signing the proposed letters of recommendation, with forethought and accountability.

This is our opportunity to delve into what we would like to do as an Area so that these issues can be addressed as we continue updating our *Alateen Guidelines and Requirements.*

Respectfully Submitted

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