Fall Assembly Document Two – Questions to ask AMIAS

TASK FORCE for Questions for GR’s and DR’s to Ask AMIAS Applicants

**Topic:** Adding questions for GRs and DR to ask AMIAS applicants to the AMIAS Packet.

**AMIAS Application Packet Questions**

Adding questions to the AMIAS application packet for Group Representatives and District Representatives to ask AMIAS applicants and for AMIAS applicants to have access to when considering this service position.

**Background Information-What we know:**

Historical Perspective:

At both the Spring Alateen Sponsor’s Workshop and 2018 Spring Assembly, the topic was addressed whether it would be helpful for District Representatives have questions to ask applicants before signing forms for AMIAS applicants. DR’s were also inquiring about “what makes a good AMIAS?”

A Task Force was assigned to compile a list of questions. Sara M, Ohio Area’s Alateen Coordinator, was asked to be the Chairman.

The list of questions was compiled with the assistance of AMIAS (Alateen Sponsors) and Alateen members attending KOMIC 2018.

**Existing Motions that pertain to this topic:** At the 2011 Fall Assembly, Motion # 2011-04 addressed the packet and steps to become an AMIAS were implemented. Then, at the 2017 Fall Assembly Motion # 2017-10/2 was made resulting in making the application process simpler.

There are no previous motions specifically discussing the need for questions for AMIAS to ask themselves or for Group Representatives and District Representatives to ask AMIAS applicants.

The current AMIAS Process Packet can be found in the Handbook of General and Committee Procedures for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc. in the Appendix, which is available to the membership on AFG of Ohio’s website. ([www.ohioal-anon.org](http://www.ohioal-anon.org))

**What do we know about membership needs and preferences?**

We know some District Representatives have expressed concerns that they do not have enough information about AMIAS applicants as well as being unsure about what questions to ask an AMIAS applicant.

We know our members would like qualified individuals in the role of AMIAS to assist with Alateen.

We know some members do not want the requirements in place to be so restrictive that they would be a hindrance to otherwise capable members from becoming AMIAS.

**What do we know about our capacity (resources)?**

This motion would require the time of our Handbook Chairman to add the questions to the AMIAS packet in the Handbook, our Website Chairman to add the revised AMIAS packet to the website, and of
our Area Chairman to inform District Representatives, Group Representatives, and the membership an updated packet is available.

There are no financial implications.

What are implications of our choice? Pros and Cons:

Pros:

Would provide GR’s and DR’s with questions for AMIAS applicants

The questions would be helpful for AMIAS Applicants understand their responsibilities.

Alateen members actively participated in the compiling the list of the questions, giving them a voice in the AMIAS certification process.

Cons:

It requires adding another item to the AMIAS packet.

It requires the resources of time to add the questions to the packet.

AMIAS applicants may resist answering the questions.

What we wish we knew but don’t:

Will GR’s and DR’s use the questions?

Do other Areas have questions for the AMIAS Applicants?

Motion # 2018-10:  We move the following list of questions be added to the application packet for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service for DR/GRs to ask AMIAS applicants:

Possible Questions for a DR to ask AMIAS applicants:
   How long have you been in Al-Anon?
   Are you at least 21 years old?
   Have you attended a sponsor workshop? If not, when do you plan on attending one?
   Do you have a sponsor?
   Have you worked the steps?
   What makes you want to be an AMIAS?
   How did you learn about a being an AMIAS?
   Are you planning to just assist with teens or sponsor a meeting?
   If sponsor a meeting, do you feel you are able to fully commit to being present for all meetings and finding an AMIAS to fill in if not?
   Have you ever worked with kids/teens before?
   Are you able to be open minded about teens lifestyle choices when it comes to the LGBTQI community?

Possible questions for a GR to ask an AMIAS applicant:
   How long have you known this person?
   Do they work a program?
Would you trust them with your children?
Do you feel they are ready to take on AMIAS service work?