

KBDM on Alateen Policy Updates

FRAMING:

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) process has changed due to technology
Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) forms need updates to reduce delays and
option to use current technology

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Historical perspective: The 2003 Alateen Motion from the Board of Trustees presented Area Minimum Safety and Behavior Requirements (Areas would need to establish in order to register as Alateen Groups in their Area. (2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, v.2, P-24/27, p.26) These may be found on pages 223-224 in the P-24/27, 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, v.2.

Existing Motions that appertain to this topic:

AFG of Ohio addressed this at the 2003 Fall Assembly and approved an Alateen Packet in **2004** to meet the deadline by Dec 31, 2004.

From the 2011 Fall Assembly Minutes, **Motion # 2011-04** Add to the current By-Laws. Section B. Minimum Safety Requirements: All Al-Anon Members involved in Alateen service will provide a set of fingerprinting impressions for the purpose of securing a criminal record. The Fall OAA passed the motion (with ease) requiring background checks for Alateen sponsor certification. We had a dignified discussion, with the minority opinion heard and because of the KBDM process; the assembly was ready to vote after only 20 minutes of comments at the microphone addressed the packet and steps to become an AMIAS were implemented.

At the 2017 Fall Assembly, **Motion # 2017- 10/2** resulted in making the application process clearer.

At the 2018 Fall Assembly, **Motion # 2018/10-01**: A list of questions proposed by the Alateens were added to the application packet for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service for DR/GRs to ask the AMIAS applicants

In the spring of **2019**, WSO reviewed our packet with suggested changes which were presented to AWSC.

At the **2021** Fall Assembly, the Handbook Committee Chair sent the proposed changes to WSO for review. There has been no reply back from the WSO.

After the disruptions of Panel 58 (2018-2020) with multiple changes in Officer and AAPP positions, the lack of in-person Area meetings in 2020-2022 (COVID), and now a new AAPP for the last year of Panel 61 (2023), our Packet has become outdated with respect to our procedures. Our packet needs to be updated, undergo a legal review, and be presented to WSO for approval.

What do we know about our member's or prospective member's wants, needs, and preferences that are relevant to this discussion?

- The AAPP procedures are not accurate, the process has changed.
- AMIAS have issues with filing their AMIAS forms: no GR, no DR, or some: the physical access to DR or alternate DR is difficult
- Form not completed correctly, delay the process

What do we know about the capacity and strategic position of the organization relative to this issue?

- WSO's AFG Records communicates to members through email and postal mail
- WSO's AFG Online Records accepts the AAPP signature digitally within it's online record system

What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion?

- Many people use email, an optional digital AMIAS form could add convenience for AMIAS and

AAPP

- Digital form/signatures could help resolve access to DR
- Since a paper version of Form TWO is no longer mailed to WSO, the forms can be combined/simplified and eliminate duplicate GR/DR signatures
- FBI checks with ink fingerprints take longer to process
- FBI checks made directly to FBI take longer to process
- Review deadline for AMIAS recertification to allow time for problems to be addressed by AAPP

What are the ethical implications of our choices (pro and cons)? This includes consideration of how the Legacies apply. Identify both pros and cons.

Pro

- We can certify AMIAS in a more efficient process
- AFG Online Records utilizes a digital signature for the AAPP for the AMIAS certification, so the AMIAS applicant can initiate an optional electronic signature Certification for themselves and their GR and DR to use digital signatures.

Con

- For a secure Electronic Signature Certification, a process is required for it to function properly

What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Questions and clarification- no timing at the mic

Need for a motion?

Yes, see the attached Motion Form and proposed Alateen Packet changes including revised AMIAS Forms

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