

Fall Assembly
September 26, 2020
Zoom Meeting

ALATEEN COORDINATOR: Renie M.

WSO No. 30621161

AREA PROJECTS/GOALS:

Projects

1. Restarting the AMIAS (AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) Task Force, which will look at certification requirements and records retention.
2. Midlake 2020 was held virtually this year, August 7 – 9, 2020, hosted by Northern Illinois Alateen. I was unable to attend but will reach out to the AMIAS who attended for a debrief.
3. Continuing to serve on the Midlake Planning Committee for Midlake 2021 Alateen Convention to be held in Wisconsin in May 2021.
4. Developing an Alateen program as part of the 2021 AI-Anon Convention in October.
5. Reaching out to Area AMIAS to see how many Alateen groups are currently meeting, either virtually or in person.

Goals

1. To continue to meet the AMAIS training needs of our Area.
2. To continue to look for opportunities to provide informational parent meetings through AA and AI-Anon, churches, and school districts.
3. To develop an Alateen speakers list.
4. To help coordinate regional AMIAS workshops. Outside of training, these workshops would be collaborative sharing and learning events, connecting AMIAS outside of their groups.
5. To research, through Area AMIAS, interest in Alateen workshops by Regions. My experience through Midlake and the AI-Anon Convention is that Alateens grow from this expanded group interaction and enjoy these opportunities to work their programs together.

AREA ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON (AAPP): Joanne F.

WSO INFORMATION: A Message from Valerie Stump, AFG Records Coordinator

A big thumbs up to the 42 Areas that have completed the Area Alateen recertification process for AI-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) and all Alateen groups **by August 15**. It has allowed WSO to complete all verifications for the Areas and resolve any pending issues, prior to the deadline.

If your Area is still working on its online Alateen annual recertification and waiting on a few non-responsive AMIAS, please do not hold up your entire Area recertification, as WSO will not grant any extension. It is better for you to inactivate those few AMIAS than for the entire Area Alateen recertification to be impacted by not meeting the **August 31, 11:59 pm ET deadline**. *Please keep in mind that Alateen groups may be impacted by the inactivation of AMIAS. These groups need to be updated right away with replacement AMIAS.*

Thank you for ALL that you do for Alateen, and please don't hesitate to reach out to the WSO if you need any further assistance to complete the recertification process.

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1. Hope to purchase a locking file cabinet by the end of the year.
2. Shred records older than 7 years, in compliance with WI Dept of Justice regulations.
3. Encourage more AMIAS' to become group AMIAS'.

QUESTIONS OR ISSUES:

1. Some AMIAS' were removed as group AMIAS' since I did not hear from them by Aug 14th. Some of them have re-activated. I cannot stress the importance of submitting a recertification by the deadline. Next year it is June15.
2. Statistics: As of August 22, 84 Active AMIAS; 14 who are inactive due to failure to send/email me their recertification. 24 Active Alateen Groups; of those 24 there are 14 groups with 1 AMIAS sponsor (some of these are a result of 1 of the sponsors not recertifying). 3 of those groups share 1 AMIAS.
3. The concern regarding the groups with one sponsor is that if that person is unable to fulfill that position, the Alateen Group would have to be come inactive.

ARCHIVE COORDINATOR: No Report

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR: No Report

CONVENTION COORDINATOR: Terri R.

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1. We are booked for 2021 at Chula Vista for October 29-31.
We are booked for 2022 at Chula Vista for October 21-23.
2. Looking forward to communication with the hotel staff at Chula Vista.
3. Looking forward to a challenging, but exciting time at the 2020 Convention.

GROUP RECORDS COORDINATOR: Rhonda P.

The most recent data pulled from WSO group records database for Area 61 as of 8-13-2020:

1. Active Groups = 312.
2. Inactive Groups (they no longer meet) = 106.
3. Reported Not Meeting (investigation required to determine if they are inactive or active) = 4.
4. No Mail Status = 18.

Thank you for helping to keep our Area 61 and the WSO records up-to-date. As always, please use the GR-1 form to make any changes for your group and please be sure to use the WSO ID# on the top of the form.

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LITERATURE COORDINATOR: No Report

PUBLIC OUTREACH COORDINATOR: Cheryl A.

WSO INFORMATION:

There is a new app “AI-Anon Family Groups” which has resources for members and newcomers with a platform to attend or host a virtual meeting. At the time I am writing this report there is one meeting available all week so far. Sign up for the *In The Loop* to get info from WSO.

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The 2020 *Forum* Subscription Project was renewed at the end of last year. Unfortunately, with COVID19, I wonder how many of the treatment centers and facilities that are on the list have gone out of business. Unless someone helps me with a new and more current list, I will not be renewing this project for the end of this year. Anyone want to volunteer?

QUESTIONS OR ISSUES:

With COVID19 and the lockdown of churches and meeting places there are very few meetings that meet face-to-face. While many meetings have gone to a Zoom or conference call substitute, I wonder if that has been logged with WSO as a change of address. How are newcomers to find a meeting or contact? There is no shortage of over-drinking and drug use, as well as depression and suicide, as a result of being home with the addict.

How can we reach out to the families that are suffering? How can we get our Zoom or conference call info out there for someone needing help? How can the newcomer connect with a real person?

I have heard of meetings making their Zoom meetings so anonymous that nobody new can join. It's hard to balance safety and inclusion but there are way more people out there without a solution who are realizing the extent of the problem in their family. I have also heard of many that are just doing private meetings with friends on Zoom or in person. While that is great, again, where does that leave the newcomer?

I know nobody was prepared for this and I believe we all thought this was going to be more temporary than it has been. My home group has no anticipated date for resuming in-person meetings. The Southeastern Wisconsin Service Center website has virtual meetings listed on the Secretaries Corner that a newcomer needs to go to that for info rather than the “find a meeting” page. The Area website links to the WSO site for electronic meetings. While that is good, how can we be available if a newcomer wants to connect with someone local?

Please share your thoughts...

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WEB SITE COORDINATOR: No Report

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1. Our biggest annual fundraiser was cancelled in March. We will hopefully be able to reschedule it for 2021. We may have a fall 2020 virtual event.
 2. Around 10 meetings in Southeastern Wisconsin have started meeting in person or as a hybrid of online and in-person. In late June, the Service Center started hosting Beginner Meetings after three months of not meeting. They have been well attended. Because of the Coronavirus, it can be hard to find leaders for the meeting.
 3. Members have been generous in their donations to the office and we are in decent shape financially.
 4. Literature sales have been low with the pandemic. Leaders of meetings with book studies have become creative with getting books to members.
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