

Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR)

Task Force Report AWSC February 1-3, 2020

The Safety and Behavioral Requirements Task Force is meeting regularly to combine and clarify the Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR) that our Area must have in place in order to provide Al-Anon recovery using the Alateen name.

We have included the process for changing these Requirements into the body of the document. Just like having Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements is required, so is this process.

Changes we have made to our current ASBR include:

1. Made age and Al-Anon membership requirements consistent with WSO motion.
2. Made language regarding “active Al-Anon member” consistent with WSO motion.
3. To require **one training per Panel** for AMIASes rather than annual training. (*The WSO does not require more than one training, period, for AMIASes.*)
4. To simplify Trainer process

Topics that the Area needs to discuss and decide are:

1. Age and Al-Anon membership requirements
2. How often to require Training and Background Checks.
3. What do we want to have in place regarding Trainers across the Area
4. Certification process/Re-certification policy – should it all be moved into one six month period?

- We continue to work on the required permission forms and behavioral guides for conferences and conventions that are required by this document.
- We will continue to work with the WSO to clarify the language and intent of our ASBR

As listed in our last report these are some of the issues we are keeping in mind as we work together:

1. Procedures for making changes to an Area’s ASBR: changes to the ASBR must go through KBDM and be approved by the AWSC. The document is then submitted to local counsel, and then to WSO for review. WSO returns the document with comments and suggestions. Once the AWSC and the WSO have come to agreement on the language and content, the ASBR is then presented to the Area Assembly for approval.
2. Local (Florida) Counsel is to review the ASBR to ensure that the Area is meeting the requirements of the WSO Board of Trustees 2003 Motion.
3. It is up to Area autonomy to define particular terms such as “active member of Al-Anon” and the WSO does not offer any recommendations on that.

4. It is up to Area autonomy to decide if two AMIASes are required at each Alateen Meeting.
5. “Alateens” are members of an Alateen Group. All teenagers affected by alcoholism are not “Alateens” – that term describes members of an Alateen Group.
6. Areas that do not require Alateens at Al-Anon conventions to be supervised are not in compliance with the spirit of the 2003 Alateen Motion.
7. Fundraising by Alateens is subject to the Financial Matters section of the Service Manual just like Al-Anon Groups. Fundraising is within the fellowship of Al-Anon/Alateen only.