

**Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR)
Task Force Report
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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 Alateen recovery using the Alateen name.

One of the processes we are finishing up and reporting on here at AWSC is a clarification about how the World Service Office (WSO) structures the changes and procedures. This is somewhat different from how our Area has been doing it, so we want to make some of these clarifications known now – even though we do not have a completed proposal to discuss.

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.
8. Alateen Policy language was clarified and changed at the 2019 World Service Conference (WSC) and is in effect immediately. That language can be found in the World Service Conference Summary. And will be contained in the newly updated service manual (in all three languages) which should be available online in November.

Our Task Force is going over each section of the current Area Requirements and integrating the comments and questions given by the WSO in 2016. The last fully approved Area ASBR on file with the WSO is from 2011.

Among the changes we are considering to the ASBR:

1. Make age and Al-Anon membership requirements consistent with WSO motion.
2. Make language regarding “active Al-Anon member” consistent with WSO motion.
3. Require one training per Panel for AMIASes rather than annual training. The WSO does not require more than one training, period, for AMIASes.
4. Simplify required process for “Training District Trainers” making it more convenient for Members to be trained. Once trained, the AMIAS can decide about proceeding to submit documentation to the AAPP for the certification process.
5. Clarify the process of how changes are made to the ASBR and keep this posted for access to all interested in participating in Alateen service.

We are interested in input from members of the Area and welcome your contacting us (send care of Delegate58@AFGArea9.org).

We hope to have a document for consideration at the February 2020 AWSC.

Thank you for your attention – remember Alateen IS Al-Anon.

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