

Policy Committee Update
July 2021
Marianne B., Chairperson

Policy statements are interpretations of our basic guides: The Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. They help clarify how a Tradition or Concept might apply to a new or confusing situation that arises in Al-Anon or Alateen. Changes and additions to the Policy Digest are made only as our circumstances and growth require, since anticipating and including every specific situation would be impossible.

The purpose of the update sent each quarter by the Policy Committee Chairperson is to report progress and provide information on the following:

- Topics that are generated by the fellowship and discussed by the Policy Committee regarding issues or concerns that need clarification or interpretation in light of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service
- Progress of work being completed by Policy Committee work groups, task forces, and thought forces
- Policy motions to be presented to the World Service Conference (WSC)
- Policy motions passed by the WSC

The Policy Committee met virtually on Monday, July 19, 2021 for two hours. The following topics were discussed or presented:

The Chairperson welcomed all the new members to the July Policy Committee Meeting.

A PowerPoint was shared to assist and guide Policy Task Force Chairs. The presentation offered excellent information to the Policy Task Forces in understanding the sequence of bringing Policy Digest text changes from origination to the Policy Committee, and then on to the World Service Conference. Staff did an amazing job putting this presentation together!

A new Task Force, Public Outreach in Relation to Social Media, brought an interesting discussion forward, reflecting on the term “local,” especially in this age of globalization. We look forward to this group bringing back additional thoughts, questions, and insights to the October Policy Committee for another thought-provoking conversation.

Two other Policy Task Forces, Announcing Events and Local Services, have continued to meet and to offer updates to the Policy Committee. More detailed information will follow after the October Policy Committee Meeting.

Thank you to all the members of these task and thought forces, work groups, and Staff who worked so tirelessly to bring this work to the Policy Committee.

As always, the Policy Committee welcomes all questions and suggestions from any Al-Anon and Alateen member, meeting, group, or Area regarding issues that might need further clarification or interpretation in light of our Legacies.