

Area Assembly Minutes – Saturday, June 7, 2025
Hybrid (In-Person and Zoom)

Assembly Opens with Serenity Prayer, Welcome and Announcements – Linda C., Area Chair

Lots of acknowledgements and thanks – And purpose of Assemblies was read (pg 160 from *Service Manual*). More announcements RE: ask-it-basket for room + Zoom.

We have 44 on Zoom and perhaps just as many here in the room (we'll count off soon). The Assembly Minutes, and topics to be voted on are on the [KY Area website](#), and your DR will have shared/reviewed these materials with you in advance.

Assembly Etiquette – Denise A., Tech Coordinator

Due to limited hotel's bandwidth, Tech team asks all present to log off the hotel's Wi-Fi and/or turn off your phones while we're in this hybrid Assembly meeting. This presentation actually came to us from the World Service Conference (WSC). Denise took us thru PowerPoint (ppt) presentation reminding us of good manners & best practices at Assembly.

Motion(s) – Reading of Motions brought forward from AWSC – Claire H., Area Secretary

From January AWSC, tabled in March by Area Assembly:

• **I make a motion that our Kentucky Area Alateen form a new corporation called KACK (Kentucky Alateen Conference KOMIAC); Officers of Incorporation as follows: Alateen Coordinator, Past Alateen Coordinator, Area Chairperson, Delegate, the Alateen Process Person and an At-Large Member to revise bylaws, and hire an attorney to formalize state-required documents. The cost of attorney fees not to exceed \$600.**

From March, but GRs were given more time:

• **I make a motion that we accept the recommendations of the Area Process for Accepting Large Donations Task Force as presented.**

• **I make a motion made that we accept the KY Area Election Procedures; Timing of Elections for the KY Area Link of Service Group, District, Area Information Service Committee/AIS; and Trusted Servants Profile.**

Approval of Minutes – March 2025 Area Assembly

No comments, but Area Secretary wants to make 2 small edits: 1) On pg 3, regarding KACK motion, Minutes state that the "Motion passes" and I would like to include "at Jan. AWSC" to add clarity; and 2) on pg 7, a last name was included and needs to be removed (we do not include last names on documents posted to our website).

I make a motion that we accept the March Area Assembly Minutes as corrected.

Made by: Chris R., GR, D10, *Bowling Green Friendship AFG*; Seconded by: June C, GR, *Saturday First Step*

Room: 29 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 29 yes 0 no 1 abstain — **Motion passes**

Treasurer's Reports – (March 1–May 31, 2025 & Group Contributions Report) – Sara G., Area Treasurer

Sara walked us through Treasurer's Report for the period March 1–May 31, 2025. And she clarified the \$40 difference from last Assembly... a mere oversight on her part. The amount is now included in the total contributions.

Asked for questions/comments:

What is SERDGT? A: South East Regional Delegate's Get Together for present and Past Delegates.

I make a motion that we accept the Treasurer's Report, March 1–May 31, 2025

Made by: Rebecca D, GR, *Just for Today AFG*; Seconded by: Lara G, GR, D04, *Friday Traditions Electronic*

Room: 28 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 32 yes 0 no 0 abstain — **Motion passes**

Delegate's Report – Pauline W., KY Area Al-Anon Delegate

Recently attended 65th World Service Conference (WSC) and she explained how information is filtered through the World Service Office (WSO), to the Area, to Districts, and on to our Groups. [This report is available to download](#) on our KY Area website > Members > Delegate's Report ... [Note: the Delegate's report – text only – is attached]

Pauline has condensed her report into these topics: Finances; Program & Project Updates; Service Manual Updates; Two places where I will need your input (Group Names and Electronic Alateen Mtgs); Upcoming Events; Personal Reflections; and interspersed are some activities to test your knowledge of Al-Anon. Pauline is happy to answer any questions you might have.

Comments/questions:

Lori H, PD – What a wonderful report. Two questions: 1) Repeat the stats for percentages of how people come to Al-Anon. A: 49% because of romantic partner; 14% due to a parent, and 20% due to a child. 2) Did they name the 2 hotels for the Al-Anon International? A: No hotel names, but if you Google the convention, two hotel names are listed there.

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Patty M, Convention Host Comm Chair & GR, *New Hope AFG* – When does registration start for Al-Anon Int'l Convention 2028. A: Nothing yet. Maybe in the fall of 2027 for a July 2028 event.

Mystee, GR, *Library AFG* – Was anything shared at WSC about the Al-Anon app? I use it a lot and it has lots of issues. A: No they did not.

Mary T. DR, D01 – Were the issues of 'Disbanding a Group' and 'Meeting List Publishing' related?

A: Not connected; totally separate issues.

Celia G, GR, *Seek and Find* – The young people outreach + podcasts/PSAs...what's timeline? A: Advertising Al-Anon via podcasts for this 13–25 year-old audience.

Ronda B brings up Zoom question about Electronic Alateen mtgs? Why is it taking so long? A: Yes; it started in 2020 and nothing goes fast – the big concern is Alateen safety!!! They're double checking everything.

Benita D, DR D04 – Thank you!! How many motions are passed at WSC? A: There are some basics (like here:

Minutes, etc.), and as Delegate, we keep a list of all the motions passed – look for the World Conference Summary report; it will include those. It'll be published later this year; look for it online.

Bill H, GR – two questions: 1) How to get info about the October townhall? A: My plan is to present the info at the Oct Assembly and then look for the townhall date. And 2) those stats on how people come to Al-Anon; those numbers only total 83%; why is that? Were there that many misc. categories? A: I'll double check that.

Pauline (in response to Bill's question) – I went online...even there, the numbers don't add up to 100%. I think it might be because sometimes people don't answer every question in a survey.

Linda C, Area Chair – Since Delegate's report ended early, let's go to...

Coordinators Reports

AAPP – Maureen C.

As your Kentucky Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), my big news is that the certification process for 2025 is complete! Yay! The first part of the process is recertification of the current Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS). We started the process in January with 55 certified AMIAS. Twenty-one of those needed to go through the retraining process that each AMIAS does every three years in order to be recertified. Five of those 21 asked to be inactivated – mostly because they were not involved with an Alateen group.

I sent the rest of the current AMIAS (34 of them) emails with their contact information from the World Service database. I asked them to confirm that the information was still correct, and I made changes when the information had changed. One of those 34 asked to be inactivated.

The Alateen groups also had to be recertified as part of the process. That involved checking all the group information with the Current Mailing Address of each group, and making sure each group had recertified AMIAS as sponsors and as the Current Mailing Address.

We have six active Alateen groups right now, with another that is getting up and running in Florence. Their registration has been submitted to WSO. Thank you to all that have made that possible. One group has been inactivated, at least for now, because teens weren't coming.

I am so grateful for everyone's assistance with the recertification – from those who went through the process of retraining and filling out new paperwork, to those who answered my requests for verification of contact information. I am especially grateful to the DRs who helped me so much with paperwork. Sometimes I have trouble asking for help, but the response was wonderful whenever I did.

If you are a certified AMIAS and have changes in your contact information at any time during the year, please let me know. If a group has a change in any of its information such as location, an added or removed sponsor, or any other information, please let me know. I can make any of these changes in the database.

Our next AMIAS training will be on Zoom on June 21, 1–3pm. The registration form can be found under the Alateen tab on the KY Al-Anon website. The password is afg. If you have any questions about training, Lisa F. or I can help you out. I am very grateful for everyone's support of the Alateen recertification process. We are all part of the success of Alateen. Alateen is Al-Anon. Together we can make it!

Q: Which Alateen meeting closed? A: *Hope for Tomorrow* mtg in Georgetown; an in-school mtg with no attendance.

Alateen – Lisa F.

Kentucky has six active Alateen meetings: District 2 *Helping Hands Alateen*; District 3 *Jeffersontown Alateen*; District 4 *Free to Be Me Alateen* (meeting location changed for summer); District 5 *Youth and Wisdom Alateen*; District 11 *Northern Kentucky Alateen*; and District 12 *Better Together Alateen*. Please stand, or wave if on Zoom, if you have been an AMIAS serving one of these groups (past or present).

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District 11 is in the process of starting a new Alateen meeting. If you are considering starting an Alateen group in your area please let me know how I can help. We have areas within the state needing meetings and we have meetings within the state needing kids! In my last report I asked the Group Representatives to talk with their groups about starting an Alateen meeting. During this report I am going to challenge the District Representatives (DRs) to take an Alateen Inventory at their next District meeting. Who is up for the challenge? The inventory was emailed to the DRs.

Since March Assembly, our Kentucky Area Alateens have been busy with the following:

- AA Falls City Convention May 9 and 10, 2025 – There were three Alateen Members at the event. All three participated in the Alateen meeting. Ezra and Zelda spoke and Evie read the 12 steps. The raffle for the Charcuterie board was a big success bringing in \$514. Thanks Dusty, Rebecca, Claire, Lori and Mike for being there with the Alateens.
- Alateen Mini Convention on May 24, 2025, in Northern Kentucky at the home of Mary Ann R – there were six Alateens and six AMIAS in attendance. The event included swimming, hot tubbing, food, a meeting, an activity and a speaker. A great time of recovery!
- A word about Mini Conventions, historically they have been at a location such as a church or another rented venue. Since I have been Alateen Coordinator, the attendance has not been adequate to support the rental of a facility. Along with other AMIAS, we have been creative in having events that will be attractive for the Alateens as well as promote recovery.

Upcoming events include:

- Saturday, June 15, 2025, Louisville AA Host Committee Golf Scramble – Alateens serving breakfast
- KOMIAC July 25–27, 2025, 50th year in Dayton OH at Dayton University. At this point, there are approximately 6 Alateens and 5 AMIAS planning to go. I am hoping to get more confirmations this week. The registration is \$140; T-shirts are \$20. I have secured two(2) 12-passenger vans.
- September 26–28 – The 60th Annual KY Area Al-Anon Convention in Florence, KY – The Alateen speaker will be Nikki B. There will be an Alateen table with literature and raffle.
- October – The Kentucky Area designated October as Alateen Awareness Month – please increase awareness in your District by completing the District/Group Alateen Inventory, using Alateen literature to chair a meeting, take donuts/pizza to your local Alateen meeting, ask an Alateen to speak at your meeting, or talk to an Alateen group sponsor for other ideas.

Upcoming AMIAS Training:

- Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 1–3pm
- Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, from 10am–12pm

Treasury Report for Kentucky Area Alateen

Balance March 2025.....\$6,300.48

Balance June 2025.....\$5,829.76

The Kentucky Area Alateen Treasury provides funds for Mini Conventions and expenses for Area Assembly (if there are any)

Treasury Report for KOMIAC

Balance March 2024.....\$18,774.88

Balance June 2024.....\$19,750.00

The KOMIAC Treasury provides transportation to KOMIAC and other KOMIAC expenses

Questions/Comments:

Question (on Zoom) – How would you get an Alateen to speak at your meeting? A: Call me (Lisa F) or any Alateen Sponsor or your DR. This contact info is also on AMIAS Training flyers (found on our website).

NOTE: Alateen – Lisa F.

Lisa's report continues on the next page — it is an Alateen Inventory . . .

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District/Group Alateen Inventory

Al-Anon/Alateen has guidelines on taking a group inventory, which helps to keep groups alive, healthy, and invigorated. Discussions during or following an inventory can include ideas for new service opportunities, ideas for reaching out to potential members, and resolutions for concerns. The purpose of this inventory is to promote Alateen awareness and growth. “The harmony and success of each group depends on shared responsibility, a warm spirit of fellowship, and individual self-improvement.” (*Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work [P24], Introduction*)

Does my district/group have an Alateen meeting?

IF YES:

How many Alateen meetings are in your district?

How many Alateens attend the meeting/meetings?

How can we support the growth of the Alateen meeting?

How can we support the AMIAS sponsors?

How does the group show its support for Alateen?

Is Alateen literature available?

Are several eligible Al-Anon members AMIAS certified to be of service to Alateen if a local group needs help?

Do we take responsibility for the meeting or do we leave everything to the Alateen Group Sponsors?

Is the group an attraction to Al-Anon members and others to bring their children to Alateen?

Do we remember that the Alateen Group Sponsors are volunteers who are being of service to the group?

Do we ask Al-Anon groups to support our group by providing certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service when our Alateen Group Sponsors are not able to serve?

Would you like to have seasoned AMAIS sponsors come to share their experience, strength and hope at your district/group meeting?

Would you like an Alateen member to share at your district/ group meeting?

Would you like a parent of an Alateen member to share at your district/group meeting?

IF NO:

Why not?

How can we start an Alateen meeting in our district?

How does the group show its support for Alateen?

Is Alateen literature available?

What are the barriers to starting an Alateen meeting?

Would you like to have seasoned AMAIS sponsors come to share their experience, strength and hope at your district/group meeting?

Would you like an Alateen member to share at your district/ group meeting?

Would you like a parent of an Alateen member to share at your district/group meeting?

Is the group an attraction to Al-Anon members and others to bring their children to Alateen?

Resources:

Public Outreach Toolkit (al-anon.org/po-toolkit)

Helpful Alateen Information (found on al-anon.org)

Starting an Alateen Group (G-19)

Alateen Safety Guidelines (G-34)

Youth and the Alcoholic Parent (P-21)

Facts about Alateen (P-41)

Information for Educators (S-64)

A Guide for Sponsors of Alateen Groups (P-29)

Alateen Sponsorship: Is It for You? (S-27)

Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27)

Alateen Service e-Manual

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State Alateen Rep – (given by Rebecca D in Ezra's absence)

Hi! My name is Ezra; I'm the Alateen Kentucky State Rep. I'm excited to announce that KOMIAC 50 will be held this summer at the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, July 25–27. The cost of registration is \$140 per person. T-shirts are an additional \$20. Alateens in the Kentucky Area have been busy participating in conferences and doing fundraising. Attendance at Alateen meetings continues to be low – I would encourage everyone to spread the word – and as Lisa F. says, “Each one Reach one.” Thanks in service.

Archives – Judy M

Hi everyone! I hope you're having great Assembly today! We haven't started digitizing yet, but during the October Assembly, I'm hoping to have an Archives workshop. And during that workshop we can discuss what to keep, what to throw away, and what to digitize. We could possibly organize get-togethers with a committee of volunteers to start the process. We'll see how it goes this fall.

Today I want to tell you about some of the history of the World Service Conference (WSC). Our Delegate Pauline attended the WSC in April and will attend every April during her 3-yr. term. And we heard her exciting report today. I researched the history of the WSC in one of our books, *Many Voices, One Journey*. So today, I have a display of some of the reports, love gifts, and a recent CAL book that came out of the WSC. One of the main purposes of the WSC is to approve new literature. The book *A Little Time For Myself* was approved in recent years and began selling in the summer of 2023.

Another purpose of WSC is to unify all groups of the world by gathering the delegates who represent all groups in one specific area to one big Group Conscience. And it all started in 1951-59, Lois began holding luncheons for the wives while their husbands attended the WSC for AA. In 1961, the WSC was created. The Board of Directors had a 2/3rd vote to plan a Conference that was shared with several groups. And the groups agreed on a 3-yr. trial. The first Al-Anon Conference was held in NYC on Apr. 21–22 to coincide with the AA Conference. The 1962 WSC was the first to vote on CAL. The Conference voted to accept the Literature Committee recommendation that the Headquarters' literature be designated as Conference approved. One book is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year: *As We Understood*, published in 1985.

So Al-Anon's second decade began with the creation of the WSC. This was the largest representative Group Conscience. The Board shared leadership with a wider circle of Al-Anon members following a principle later expressed as Concept 4, "Participation is the key to Harmony."

Bill W., Lois's husband, opened the first Conference Presentation and referred to Tradition 2, “For our group purpose there is one authority – a loving God, as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.” I'll conclude with how Bill W. gave meaning to applying Trad. 2 to Al-Anon as a whole. He couldn't have said it better! “We had to recognize that Trad. 2 had taken one true meaning for the moment as a whole. Hence, we recognized that a linkage – a permanent linkage – had to be built between the AA Group Conscience and its worldwide operation. Thank God you Al-Anons are now seeing that you must do the same. Otherwise, a future breakdown of your world center could never be repaired. There would be no way to reinstate these vital services unless the Delegates' linkage existed, the kind of one that you have started this historical morning. No matter what happens, your presence will ensure the maintenance of the linkage. Each one of these yearly meetings – be they dull, be they controversial – is really an insurance policy in which to guarantee the future unity and function of your society. Thank You!” — Bill W.

Linda C – We'll break for lunch early. Do come up and see the Love Tokens on the table at the front of the room. And for afternoon discussion on KACK, those written minority opinions (which were shared via email) will be read by the person who wrote them. I just want you to be aware of that.

Lunch Break

Be back for 12:45–1pm discussion(s) of Motions: DRs and GRs meet up in-person and Zoom discussion led by Ashley B., Alt. Delegate/Group Records Coordinator

Assembly Reconvenes with the Serenity Prayer. Now for discussions and voting on Motions.

Who Votes? Group Representatives (GRs) or those representing a GR. Voting will be decided by simple majority.

Linda C, Area Chair – Explains what Abstaining means in voting (per WSC's own practices) ... Abstaining is a formal decision to refrain from voting for or against a Motion. A member may decide to do this if they feel undecided about the measure, feel inadequately informed about the issue at hand, or had not participated in the discussions. Abstentions do not count as votes and therefore lower the number of voting members on that Motion.

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Linda starts with first Motion on ‘Area Process for Large Donations’ – Motion reads:

- **I make a motion that we accept the recommendations of the Area Process for Accepting Large Donations Task Force as presented.**

... Since that committee’s report is not yet on our Area website and this Task Force committee’s chair, Amy P, is not here this weekend. This Motion is being tabled until we meet in October. — **Motion tabled**

Next Motion, on ‘KACK’: From January AWSC, and tabled in March by Area Assembly, reads:

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Linda C went on to state that since there was confusion at the March Assembly and we tabled the Motion. GRs wanted to have more information, so Linda asked those with minority opinions to prepare their views in writing and to now come up and share their opinions with voting members. And the reason these are called “minority opinions” is because the January AWSC voted (20 to 4) to bring this Motion to the Area Assembly for a vote. My hope is that these messages will help you feel more informed; these written opinions were sent to your DRs and also placed onto our Area website. We have three people presenting their opinions. Presenters, please stick to what you wrote. First up, Cindy F.

Cindy F, Past Alateen Coordinator from 2023; + GR, *Serenity at Hikes Point* – I am not a minority, I am an experienced voice. I may not have been at AWSC, but I have years of experience as an Alateen Sponsor + Alateen Coord. I do think we need incorporation for KOMIAC. It would make it easier to find a venue, negotiating contracts, and keep the KOMIAC money separate from Kentucky Alateen State Treasury thus making accounting much easier for the Alateen Coordinator.

Establishing a new incorporation, KACK, would duplicate the work already completed in 2023, by then current KOMIAC conference board, that included(myself and) two past Alateen coordinators and the then current Alateen coordinator. It would be significantly more efficient and cost-effective to reinstate KOMIAC, Inc. and amend the by-laws as needed to enhance protection for both the Area Alateen Coordinator and the KOMIAC conference when it is held in Kentucky. Using and amending the existing KOMIAC, Inc. structure is the more sensible, time saving and cost saving option.

The concepts were originally developed to help avoid repeating past mistakes by keeping prior experiences clearly in view, as noted in the guidance outlined on page 180 of the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. We do not need to invent KACK when the renewal of KOMIAC, Inc. was set in motion in August 2023 by the then current KOMIAC conference board, that included two past Alateen coordinators and the then current Alateen coordinator. Delay only adds undue cost to Alateen.

Due to duplication of KOMIAC, Inc. that work in progress was blocked. This has resulted in a year and a half of repetitive work with no meaningful progress, and added fees.

By reinstating KOMIAC, Inc. we guarantee fully insured conferences and save hundreds if not in excess of thousands in legal costs. Delay has already cost (us) a year and a half time of AWSC, Alateen Coordinator, District Representatives, you Group Representatives, and the added fees for Alateen. (And per guideline 16 Alateen Coordinator is the link to Al-Anon Assembly.)

Mike M, Past Alateen Coordinator 2015–2017 / 2018–2020; + DR D02 – There has been a great deal of discussion about incorporating KOMIAC (not Alateen) in our Area the past couple of Area Assemblies. I offer my thoughts on why it was important in 1990 when Brenda D, the Alateen Coordinator at the time, and several Al-Anon trusted servants, started KOMIAC, Inc. and why it’s important now.

It was stated in the original Articles of Incorporation for KOMIAC, Inc. that their purpose was “to sponsor conferences, meetings, and other programs, including an annual four-state conference for children of alcoholic parents.” The other intended purpose was to make it easier for the Alateen Coordinator to acquire a business checking account for the conference, to get insurance coverage for the conference and attendees, and to be able to secure a college/site and sign contracts for the conference. Having a stable incorporated business, whether its KOMIAC, Inc. or the proposed KACK, Inc., allows the Alateen coordinator to complete all the necessary business tasks when Kentucky hosts the conference. One of the most important tasks is getting a standing KOMIAC business checking account separate from the Alateen treasury. This account would be used to pay conference expenses when Kentucky hosts

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KOMIAC. To open a business checking account today requires an EIN (Employer Identification Number) and current Minutes from a meeting of the Corporations' Board of Directors.

The current EIN number attached to the KY Area Alateen treasury account is inactive, because it was tied to KOMIAC, Inc. It would be cheaper to pay the back fees for KOMIAC, Inc. than to have attorneys draw up new papers and by-laws for a new corporation. We did not scrap all the Area Alateen Behavioral and Safety Requirements when Alateen was shut down. We reviewed what we had and revised accordingly.

It makes better sense to update what we have. The Area can then update the officers to reflect our current needs and update the existing bylaws to better protect the Alateen Coordinator and KOMIAC when it's held in our Area.

Bruce F., PD – said if he was a GR, he would vote against this. I don't think this Motion thinks 'big enough.' This convention is not just about Kentucky and he realizes the other participating states (Ohio, Michigan and Indiana) don't really care about the bylaws and specifically, that their Coordinators don't know what they just don't know. They know nothing about the history of what transpired and how the bylaws came about. In 1990, Bruce was around for the process when it was known as OMIAC. Bruce proceeded to give history of OMIAC to KOMIAC—when Kentucky officially entered the conference (paying an attorney). In that process, all four states agreed that this was how they'd move forward. Bruce has participated in Alateen for about 25 years; sponsoring the Chair, the Co-chair, the Treasurer, doing security and more—Bruce says he's well-versed in the structure of what KOMIAC is.

His suggestion to you (GRs/Assembly) is what is in the best interest of Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana for the next 10 ... 20 years, into the future.

If I were a GR today, I would move that the KY Area Alateen Coordinator:

1. Have the lawyer bring the KOMIAC, Inc. current, paying all fines, and penalties to the Secretary of State (SOS).
2. (Alateen Coord. to) Send all modifications to the current By-Laws to the lawyer.
3. The cost of the lawyer be paid from the Alateen KOMIAC account held by the KY Area Alateen Coordinator.
4. The new incorporation structure of the KOMIAC, Inc. (i.e., Directors) be sent to the lawyer for inclusion and in turn will be sent to the SOS and to PNC Bank for reactivation.
5. The KOMIAC, Inc. Annual Filing Fee (\$15.00) be paid by the Kentucky Area to the SOS by the KY Area Treasurer.

Plus 2 Notes: 1) the simplified version of the KOMIAC Bylaws is the conference guidelines that we talked about. And 2) By bringing KOMIAC, Inc. current, it ensures that the original structure from 1990 is cemented going forward; it also allows the current bank account, held by PNC Bank, to be resumed (as it had been suspended due to KOMIAC, Inc. not being active at the Secretary of State).

Lisa F, KY Area Coordinator – The motion regarding KACK (Kentucky Alateen Conference KOMIAC) passed at the January 2025 AWSC with 20 yes, 4 no, and 3 abstentions. In my experience of serving on the AWSC for 17 years, it is unusual for the Area Assembly not to forward Motions presented by the AWSC. I understand this Motion may be more complex than most. I spent about a year researching past events in order to determine what would best support Alateen and KOMIAC (the conference), as well as provide protection for our trusted servants going forward.

A brief recap of what has been presented/discussed:

- Alateen conferences must be connected to the Area, per (guideline) [G-16](#). It's important to adhere to the links of service and connect KACK (Inc. or KOMIAC, Inc.) to the Kentucky Area.
- KOMIAC, Inc., (which included all four states) established in 1990, was dissolved in 2014 due to annual reports not being filed. The current standing with the Secretary of State is B-Bad. Incorporation protects individual board members who could be held financially liable. There has been no protection for such board members for the last 11 years. I believe this is partly due to the disconnect from the Area and the fact that most of our trusted servants aren't business-minded individuals. The other three states do not wish to incorporate with Kentucky, although they do wish to continue to have the KOMIAC Conference.
- The KOMIAC, Inc. bylaws are outdated and include what I consider to be Conference Hosting Guidelines. By-laws are a legal document and must be adhered to. Guidelines on the other hand provide autonomy and the flexibility needed in this ever-changing nature of the world we live in.

Whether this body chooses to move forward with this motion or not, there will be attorney costs involved. The bylaws need to be updated, the corporation (whether KOMIAC or KACK) must be activated, and back fees (estimated to be between \$350 and \$400) must be paid to the KY Secretary of State.

Linda C, Area Chair – Lisa has a sheet with costs, can you share that with us now?

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Lisa F – This letter is from the KY Secretary of State, it's reinstatement filing instructions for the entity that was administratively dissolved Sept. 30, 2014. Blah/blah/blah ... enclosed is a check in the amount of \$265 payable to KY State Treasurer to reenact KOMIAC, Inc. – but Lisa went on to say that it's probably more than that, because this document is a few years old and fees accumulate each year.

Linda C, Area Chair – Asks for any Questions/Comments (from voting GRs first!)

Lori H, PD, acting GR, *First Things First* – Can we get a cost comparison of reviving KOMIAC vs. creating KACK? Can anybody give me that answer?

Bruce F, PD – Replied that he's not yet asked the attorney to give us an estimate, but my guess is that the Motion talks about \$600 in attorney fees, that sounds about right. Plus that \$250 fee from the SOS, Bruce believes that to be a static fee, whether you're out of compliance for a year or 15 years.

GR on Zoom – I don't understand the difference between KACK and KOMIAC. Lisa answered Zoom question about KACK vs KOMIAC. And Lisa went on to compare the conference KOMIAC with the new corporation KACK. It's an effort to help distinguish KOMIAC the conference from KOMIAC, Inc. (the former corporation KY held). Zoom question was reworded to say explain the difference between KOMIAC, Inc. and KACK, Inc. Lisa explained that KOMIAC, Inc., established in 1990, fell into arrears with the state of Kentucky and was no longer recognized by KY SOS. Her proposal to create a new incorporation (with a new name: KACK) will hopefully help avoid confusion. KOMIAC Inc. had named all the states in its bylaws, but she understands that the other states do not want to be incorporated with KY, so she proposes KACK, Inc. This would truly protect Kentucky when conference is held.

Tracy, GR *J'town AFG* – Q: I understand we have two corporations: KOMIAC, Inc. and a KOMIAC Inc. The original one had a comma, but the 2nd one (opened by an individual) did not. So the same issue occurred; an individual took on the responsibility of paying incorporation fees – thinking they were doing the right thing, but unbeknownst to the Area. Tracy went on to ask: I feel we should pay our past fees (Trad 7) regardless. I think we should go back to the old one and that second KOMIAC Inc. should never have been opened without first getting clarification.

Linda C – the big issue was that these events were never bought to the KY Area. This new approach (KACK, Inc.) will bring full disclosure back to KY Area (and better oversight).

Rebecca D, GR *Just for Today*, & Alateen Sponsor for 34 years – My question is regarding something Lisa said, that KACK, Inc. stands for **KY** Alateen Conference **KOMIAC** – but WHY is the word KOMIAC in there when you said you wanted “KOMIAC” out of the title?

Lisa F – That was a creative way to have a new name but still be clear that it included KOMIAC (the conference); it needs to be in there. I do not want to leave out the conference name.

Celia G, GR *Seek and Find* – From what I'm hearing/reading, is there an organizational difference (of Officers/Board Members) in how KACK, Inc. is set up vs KOMIAC, Inc. Lisa answered – There'd be no difference in Officers. I believe Cindy mentioned one list set up in 2023 and that had people from other states, but let's get clarification...

Cindy F – said there were no Board Members from other states on 2023 KOMIAC Inc. Board.

Donna L (on Zoom) – How much revision of the bylaws is required? Would it cost more or about the same to fix the bylaws on the existing corporation? vs. the new KACK bylaws. Lisa answered – I don't know. But the Motion that's been made includes spending up to \$600. I think either way you go, you're going to spend that amount of money just from the brief conversation I've had with an attorney.

Chris J, acting GR, *There is a Solution* – KACK name is not simple. I understand it stands for Kentucky Alateen Conference Kentucky Ohio Michigan Indiana Alateen Conference.

Lisa answered – she is open to others' suggestions for any better new names, but feels KACK is a step in the right direction to distinguish it from “KOMIAC” (the conference).

Kerry F, GR *Marksville Online* – How long will Lisa be the Alateen Coord? Lisa answered – for 1.5 more years.

Kerry said Lisa seems most comfortable with this new KACK, Inc. that she's presenting. Can you tell us why, specifically, you feel comfortable with this new KACK, Inc. name/approach? Lisa answered – Great question! KOMIAC, Inc. and KOMIAC (the conf.) are two very different things; Lisa feels that having two different names would be less confusing. And she suggests renaming the incorporation (KACK, Inc.) is less confusing.

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Judy S, GR, *Living Free* – I’ve heard about comfort of the Coordinator and money, but not much about the kids... Lisa answered – That’s a great question Judy, and I’ve been thinking a lot about. What we’re doing today here has something to do with kids, but we want to keep our trusted servants safe so we can have Alateen – that’s very important! But the most important thing is getting kids to Alateen, and this isn’t what does that. It really is “Each one, Reach one.”

Jo Etta M, PD – I hear some discussions about money; how much money is in the Alateen Treasury? This would not come out of KY Area bank account; there plenty of money in Alateen Treasury. From her experience, the cheapest solution is never the right solution. Is there money available to do this?

Lisa stated that KY Area Alateen Treasury there’s \$5,828.76 and the KOMIAC Treasury has \$19,750.

(on Zoom) Carolyn L, PD – I’m sorry I missed most of the conversation. For me, KACK simplifies the corporation – it only lists KY and Kentucky is the incorporator. The other (older) name, KOMIAC, lists them all and they’re NOT in the incorporation. It’s a cooperation between these states, not an incorporation. Alateens will still be involved in the KOMIAC conference.

Rebecca D. – I was once the KY Area Alateen Coordinator – When we had KOMIAC in the state of KY all the contracts I had to sign were for “KOMIAC”, not for KOMIAC, Inc., not KACK. I’m not sure the liability will be taken away. (more discussion ensued off mic) ...But KOMIAC is paying for it.

Linda C – We need the incorporation to protect the people involved in KOMIAC. For 7 years, people signing contracts did not know the incorporation was invalid. The reason “KOMIAC” is in the new name KACK is because THAT’s what we’re protecting. It needs to be in there, but we’re only protecting the trusted servants of Kentucky, not the other states (Ohio, Michigan and Indiana).

We’ll take a few more questions, then we’re taking a Motion on this...

(on Zoom) Miren, acting GR, *Harmony AFG* – It seems it would cost less with the current corporation instead of setting up a new corporation; and paying the delinquency fees. Would we need to be paying two \$175 fees per year for two LLCs?

Lisa F – made it clear, we would NOT be paying for two corporations. We’d pay what we owe to the state and then the required annual fees for the new corporation. And the bylaws need to be rewritten either way; so I don’t foresee a big cost difference. We would only have ONE corporation.

Jeremy, GR *Charlestown Road AFG*, D02 – If we replace KOMIAC, Inc. with KACK, Inc. will that dissolve the old/original corporation and no longer incur annual fees? Lisa answered – YES! We pay the back fees and the old corporation would be dissolved. And yes, the other 3 states were initially part of the incorporation, but they do not wish to be part of it now.

(on Zoom chat) –

- How does not being a part of the incorporation impact Ohio, Michigan and Indiana Alateen members and Coordinators? — Lisa answered, in 2024, those states said they’d do their own in corporation.
- Which state has responsibility for the funds and to file taxes? A: Each state, er, each hosting state would have control of the funds. And I don’t know about taxes.
- What if there is a retroactive issue from those 7 years that someone tries to sue about? Lisa answered – That would require an attorney to answer that question.

Carolyn R, GR *Thursday Friends* – Are we incorporated no matter what? A: Yes, either way we will incorporate.

Cindy F, GR, *Serenity at Hikes Point* and Past Alateen Coordinator – In March of 2023, did the KY Area Assembly refuse to give Alateen money for KOMIAC? And the answer is YES. And the reason we’re having to vote on large donations is because I was the one who raised that money for Alateen.

Area Chair – called Cindy out of order + off topic.

(loud words ensued) ...Area Chair regained order and brought this Motion to the table.

The Motion (*tabled in March by Area Assembly*) was re-read following extensive discussions (shown above):

- **I make a motion that our Kentucky Area Alateen form a new corporation called KACK (Kentucky Alateen Conference KOMIAC); Officers of Incorporation as follows: Alateen Coordinator, Past Alateen Coordinator, Area Chairperson, Delegate, the Alateen Process Person and an At-Large Member to revise bylaws, and hire an attorney to formalize state-required documents. The cost of attorney fees not to exceed \$600.**

Made by: Rose M, D09, GR, *Bardstown Thursday Night AFG*; Seconded by: Keri, GR, *Marksfield Online*

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Bruce F, PD – raised “Point of Order” asking if we could consider going to a closed ballot?

Question: What is a closed ballot? Linda responded, GRs would write their response rather than a show of hands in the room and on Zoom your vote is already closed. The only person who sees Zoom votes is the tech host running the poll. And a consensus was made to do a closed ballot on this Motion: 19 YES in room (of 29) / 20 YES on Zoom (of 37) And, per Area Chair, Consensus for a closed ballot passes by simple majority. Results of closed vote @ June Assembly:

Room: 19 yes 9 no 1 abstain

Zoom: 23 yes 9 no 6 abstain — **Motion passes**

Linda C announced – Next, Bruce on Election Procedures

Bruce F, PD & Chair of Election Procedures Committee – Bruce walked us thru his 4 documents, which are on the KY Area website. The first one, titled “Area Chair Procedures for Election Process for Third Year of Term;” the second one is “Timing of Elections for the KY Area Links of Service Group, District, Area ISC/AIS.” The third one is “The Kentucky Area Election Procedures” and the last one is the “Trusted Servant Profile.”

Document #1 – “Area Chair Procedures” document. Bruce walked the Assembly through the “Area Chair Procedures” document, line by line. Asking if there are any questions to this first sheet?

From Zoom – It would be helpful if this document were shown on-screen for everyone to see.

Linda C – Answered that these documents were sent out, and they’ve been on the Area Website since March.

Pauline W, Delegate – Asks why we would require a Motion be made to call for elections? Bruce answered – It will cut off the discussion and draw a clear/strict line from where we’ll take off.

Cindy F, D03 GR *Serenity at Hikes Point AFG* – I’m not clear why this document came to be when we have clear Area Assembly Election Procedures listed in our *Service Manual*, pgs 155-157. Bruce answered – This Area has always had its own Election Procedures. ... and those are the third document I’m going to go over.

Linda C, Area Chair – We’re going to do a consensus for these *procedural* documents... We’ll be voting on each document separately...

Carolyn L, PD – Please restate the names of these documents for us. Linda C – Clarified: We’re voting ONLY on “Area Chair Procedures.” that Bruce just walked us thru. And ONLY GRs vote!!

Consensus made to accept “Area Chair Procedures – Election Process for Third Year of Term” as written.

Room: 29 yes 0 no

Zoom: 30 yes 2 no — **Consensus to accept, passes**

Document #2 – “Timing of Elections for the KY Area Links of Service Group, District, Area ISC/AIS.” This is a brand new document and describes activities that take place in leading up to elections (which occur every 3 years).

Bruce walked us thru this new document spelling out timelines for actions for each entity, i.e. Groups, Districts, etc. Any questions?

Several questions arose (and confusion ensued over AA Liaison role/title) and additional edits seem to be required.

— **We will table this till October.**

Document #3 – “The Kentucky Area Election Procedures.” Bruce explained that this document/pamphlet has been around for at least 20 yrs. This spells out how Kentucky does its Elections. And Bruce walked the Assembly through the Committee’s edits, as tracked, on this document.

Any questions?

Mystee P, D01 GR, *Library AFG* – What’s considered “active” at the Area Level?

A: Having served as a coordinator, Area officer, DR on the AWSC. There can be a break or a 3-year lapse, but you have to be active at the term prior to the election.

Barbara – Does it have to be a KY Area active role? What about if active in other Areas?

Bruce: For KY, it’s always been OUR AREA only. Our Area Chair will compile a list of names for those eligible to be on the slate. This Election Procedures Committee did not ‘entertain’ adding anyone who served outside of KY.

I make a motion that we accept “The Kentucky Area Election Procedures” as presented.

Made by: Lori H, acting GR, *First Things First AFG*; Seconded by: Laura J, GR, *Weds 12 Step AFG*

Room: 28 yes 0 no 1 abstain

Zoom: 27 yes 1 no 2 abstain — **Motion passes**

Document #4 – “Trusted Servant Profile.” This document is brand new; it provides candidates with a suggested template to use for presenting their service background and experience in letting their name stand for specific service role(s). Bruce walked the Assembly through this doc, line by line.

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Consensus made to accept “Trusted Servant Profile” as written.

Room: 26 yes 0 no 3 abstain (*Secretary asked out of how many? But no answer.*)

Zoom: 31 yes 0 no — **Consensus to accept, passes**

Bruce will get all these documents updated and send them to the Area Chair, who, in turn, will get these to the Website Coordinator for posting to our Area Website.

Linda Cobb – We are really behind schedule, let's take a 15 min. break and then we'll vote on what we want to do: Either hear the GR Corner, or hear the DR + Coord. Reports (think about how you want to proceed; be back here at 3)

Consensus on how to 'catch up' . . .

For those who want GR Corner = 14 room / Zoom = 12

For those who want Reports = 5 room / Zoom = 16

GR Corner WINS – Celia G., DR, District 5

But First: Drawings for Literature

Josie S (on Zoom) – *Forum* Subscription

Karen W – *Paths to Recovery*

Mary T – *One Day At A Time*

Pauline W – *A Little Time for Myself*

Barbara S – *Forum* Subscription

Sherry H – *Forum* Subscription

GR Corner – Celia G

Celia did a recap of past GR Corner topics and kept it interactive so GRs can share their experiences.

Today, she's covering *Groups at Work* booklet. This [GR Corner presentation](#) is on the KY Area website.

Comments/questions?

Mystee P, *Library AFG* – As GR of electronic mtg, she drops Area Website link into Zoom Chat to share events, etc.

Tracy M, GR, *J'town AFG* – Her group uses “The 3 Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon” – esp. helpful for newcomers

Marcia B, GR, *12 Traditions AFG* – She uses *Groups at Work* to follow meeting format for elec. meeting she attends.

Ask It Basket?

• What happens at a SERDGT?

Pauline read their statement of purpose, listing who attends. For me, it lets new Delegates get a taste of what the World Service Conference (WSC) will be like. Past Delegates, Trustees, etc. share their experiences in helping newbies.

Linda C – Added, while current Delegates are there, it's vital that Past Delegates are there to help serve as mentors.

Linda C – Thank you all; and thank you Celia. I apologize to our District Reps and Coordinators that we did not get to hear your reports LIVE. And do read those DR and Coordinator Reports in the minutes!!!

Turn in Evaluations. Reminders: Next Assembly Oct 4. (and it'll be Alateen Awareness Month)!

Assembly closed with Lord's Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration. (See all Assembly reminders on last page)

All remaining reports (from Coordinators, DRs, Committee Chairs) will appear in the Minutes

Coordinators Reports (three shown in grey were presented LIVE *before* the lunch break)

AAPP – Maureen C.

Alateen – Lisa F.

Archives – Judy M.

Group Records – Ashley B.

There are 47 people in person, and 46 on Zoom, for a total of 93 in attendance at the Area Assembly.

The KY Area currently has 166 active Groups. Keep in mind that you are able to submit changes to me, but don't forget to include your DR! Only changes sent to me will be included - ie I do not make assumptions that the CMA and GR are the same, unless indicated. Something new that I have learned - "limited access" means that your Group will

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not be listed in the WSO search directory due to limits to public access - facilities like prisons and schools may have limitation on who can enter. I have included a PDF of the instructions that are provided by WSO for completing the change forms as part of my report to include in the minutes. This provides definitions for the terms used in the meeting details section.

There is ongoing discussion regarding the naming of Groups, with more information to come. As of now, Groups can register with specifiers such as Men's, Parents, etc., but consider if the name of your Group is welcoming to all who may seek our comfort.

Remember as well that the Group email is part of the information that is given to the public. Does your Group email honor anonymity at the public level? Consider creating an anonymous group email to use for communication from WSO and the public.

Literature/Forum – Amy P.

As your Area Literature/Forum Coordinator my responsibility is to help carry the message of recovery and unity through Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL) and to encourage groups and members to subscribe to *The Forum* and to submit sharings.

Forum Update – KY Area is maintaining our subscription totals. We have a total of 252 Subscriptions. We had a Forum Coordinator Conference Call on March 29 where we met the new editor, Elizabeth R. A few items to share:

- You can purchase a monthly *Forum* electronic copy without a subscription through Amazon for \$1.99. Instead of making copies of an article, unless it states “okay to copy,” please refer members to purchase the electronic copy.
- Electronic *Forum* subscriptions are not included in *The Forum* Sales Report.
- They need pictures; submission guidelines can be found on the Al-Anon.org website. They are currently asking for pictures of members (not showing faces) with literature, meeting room or other AFG spaces. Any picture in *The Forum* showing a face is “a model” and not Al-Anon members.

New CAL Sharings – WSO is requesting sharings for the two new pieces of literature being developed.

1. The first one is about our relationship with finances in Al-Anon recovery. The family disease of alcoholism impacts us physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and every relationship is affected, including our relationship with money. Financial responsibility is often not taught in alcoholic homes, but it can be learned. So that we might learn from one another, please share your experience of using Al-Anon principles to develop a healthier relationship with finances.
2. The second is on Sponsorship and Service Sponsorship using personal stories from Al-Anon members.

Writing Guidelines are located at Al-Anon.org/Sharing.

Copyright(s) – As a reminder, CAL is copyrighted material and copyright violations limit the fellowship’s ability to be self-supporting.

- Purchasing eBooks and other electronic literature through the outside entities’ links listed on our online store supports Al-Anon Family Groups.
- Purchasing printed literature through the WSO or your local LDC supports Al-Anon Family Groups, including local Al-Anon services.
- Purchasing new printed literature through outside entities has a very high markup to support the outside entities.
- Purchasing used printed literature through outside entities may save you money, but it supports the outside entities.

Public Outreach – Tom H.

Posters are available here today at the Area Assembly and can be picked up before you leave. I would like to have feedback on what projects your District is using them for.

County Fairs Project – KAFH.NET is the main site for all information about County Fairs in Kentucky. On Friday, May 30, we set up at table at the Woodford County Fair in Versailles, KY. I am encouraged with the way it turned out, despite chilly weather and looking like it would rain most of the day. We also have a reservation at the Jessamine County Fair, July 11 & 12 – both counties are within driving distance from my home. I have the calendar of Fairs for the rest of the year and will be willing to set for other areas on the state. Looking forward to getting more of these Fair projects going.

Technology – Denise A.

The KY Area Technology Coordinator’s main job is to ensure that the KY Area AWSC and Assembly hybrid meeting is up and running. For this to happen there needs to be a team that is ready to work together and have fun. I am so blessed

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to have such a wonderful team. This job doesn't require too many technical skills, just a willingness to learn and coordinate with other people.

Bonnie and Kelly are behind the scenes on Zoom – launching polls, registrations, etc. They're working their Zoom-host magic. Those two are always coming up with great ideas on ways to support our Area Chair with information from the polls and registration. Bonnie has simplified our list that we use to rename people. She also came up with a wonderful cheat sheet guide on how to rename people on Zoom. And Barbara A is on Zoom ensuring everyone is welcomed – and renaming folks (per format) as they join. Barbara does a great job renaming and answering questions.

Ronda, Bruce and I are in the front of the room making sure presentations are shown, tech equipment is working, and the podium is aware of any questions on Zoom.

2025 will be an exciting year. We have accomplished a few improvements:

- For the Zoomers, we added a new view of the room. Instead of just the podium view, the Zoomers can now see from the front of the room thanks to an additional camera.
- For everyone here in the room, we have added an extra boombox so the 'roomers' can hear the 'Zoomers.' In the past, with just one boombox, whoever the lucky person was that sat next to the boombox was blown away by the loud volume – just so the back of the room could hear. To solve this problem an additional boombox was purchased. We did have some trouble today with the audio of the second boombox. The one box seemed to suffice for this weekend.
- We asked people in the room to turn off their cell phones and not use the hotel internet. This was a success as far as no internet glitches, some individuals did not print Area docs that are on the website, so they were out of luck on getting the documents. More to come on this issue.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions. We want your hybrid experience to be a wonderful one

Website – Bonnie W.

Our website, kyl-anon.org, receives an average of 1,000 visitors per month. Seventy-five percent of these are visiting the site for the first time. The top three search inquiries that lead visitors to our page are: Al-Anon meetings in Louisville; Al-Anon meetings; and Al-Anon meetings near me.

I recently installed an optimizer for search engines, to try to reach more visitors. That software suggests that we use key words and phrases often on our pages, and that we include links to other websites. So I made some alterations to our Meeting Location page, which includes the words Al-Anon, Louisville, and meetings, and includes links to our local Al-Anon websites in Northern KY, South Central KY, and Lexington. In the past, there was just one button that went directly to WSO's meeting finder. Now we have the option for visitors to visit our regional websites, but also offer the link to WSO as the first option for finding a meeting.

A reminder on how to find the registration page for our upcoming convention. Click on the Events tab, and choose the dropdown option of "60th Annual KY Area Convention."

Also remember that you can check out new content every month on the Inside Al-Anon page. Click on the Resources tab and then select "Inside Al-Anon." This monthly update includes most of the postings in our digital newsletter: *In The Loop*. It also includes three articles from the current *Forum* magazine, as well as notes from WSO, and the monthly blog topic announcement.

I am still working on the updates that were approved for the website and will have more information on that soon.

Other Reports:

2025 Area Convention – Patty M., N. KY, D11

The Host Committee has been working extremely hard to prepare for the 2025 KY Area 60th Convention, which will be held at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport at 7373 Turfway Road, Florence KY 41042 on September 26–28, 2025.

The 2025 Convention Registration form is located on the Area Website: [60th Annual KY Area Al-Anon Convention – Kentucky Area Al-Anon](http://60thAnnualKYAreaAlAnonConvention-KentuckyAreaAlAnon.org). The KY Area website is kyl-anon.org, link to events. Registration paper copies and the link to District 11's website are also available on District 11 website (use link above).

The Registration fee is \$35 up to Aug 29, 2025. The fee will increase to \$40 on Aug 30, 2025.

T-shirts can be purchased for \$20 and a radio button is available for donations. The T-shirts are distributed at the convention. The T-shirts can also be purchased from the fundraising committee.

The lasagna dinner/dessert auction fundraiser on March 29, 2025 was a tremendous success. Thank you to Ed S (Fundraising Chairperson), his subcommittee and all those that worked on this event; to everyone that attended and supported the fundraiser activity. We had so much fun! We raised almost \$5,000.

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As the Fundraising Committee continues to work diligently, please see our two flyers: One for the baskets and one for the grand raffle. The grand raffle is a homemade quilt, made by Annie at *Tuesday Noon AFG*. Thank you Annie for your generous and beautiful homemade quilt gift to support the 2025 KY Area 60th Annual Al-Anon Convention. Her creativity is inspired by the Convention logo – a butterfly. Quilt raffle tickets are \$5.00/each or 3 for \$12.

Please find the Registration Forms, Basket Flyers, Quilt Flyers, raffle tickets and T-shirts (plus orders) at the Convention Table. We ask AWSC committee and Area Assembly to please distribute the flyers to your groups and make announcements. Any help is greatly appreciated!

The Host Committee is getting down to the nitty gritty with details. We have begun the schedule of events for the convention weekend and will meet with the Hilton again in July. I am grateful to the Host Committee for all their hard work and to everyone in the Area for your support and love to make all of this happen. It takes a village. Thank you.

Lexington AIS – Becky H.

The Lexington AIS Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of even-numbered months. Our last meeting was April 14, and our next meeting is June 9. These meetings are both in-person and via Zoom. The AIS Committee is made up of the Alt. GRs, Chairperson & Alt. Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Alt. DR, Literature Coordinator, Literature Office Volunteer Coordinator, Website & Meeting Schedule Coordinator and 12 Step Call Coordinator.

The Greater Lexington AIS Board (GLAIS) meets on the 2nd Monday of odd-numbered months. Our last meeting was May 12, and our next meeting is July 14. These meetings are in-person only. The Greater Lexington AIS (GLAIS) Board is made up of the Chairperson, Alt. Chairperson, Alt. DR, Treasurer, Secretary, Literature Coordinator and Member At-Large. Reports are given by the Treasurer, Alt. DR and Coordinators at each meeting.

After the AIS Committee meeting on June 9, 2025, I will step down as Interim Chairperson for AIS and GLAIS. The Committee and Board members will continue to recruit for a Chairperson for the remaining 1½ year term.

Louisville Information Service Committee (ISC)

No Report

District Reports

District 1 (Mary T.)

District 1 is a portion of Louisville/ Jefferson County including downtown, University of Louisville and the Highlands. We have 12 meetings in the District, including 6 in-person meetings, 5 online meetings and 1 hybrid meeting. Of the 12 meetings, all have elected GRs. Most of the meetings have Alt GRs and Treasurers also.

Our most recent District meeting was held at the AIS office with a Zoom option. Our District meetings have been well-attended generally, but our last meeting was somewhat smaller due to several GRs having scheduling conflicts. We continue to learn about the Concepts using the pamphlet (P-57) “The Concepts, Al-Anon’s Best Kept Secret.” This has allowed the Concepts to come to life for us.

Our District has provided copies of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* pamphlets to several professionals in District 1, including sending copies to University of Louisville Psychological Services Center and the University of Louisville Counseling Center. We voted at our last meeting to purchase Al-Anon posters to put up around the community, but after the meeting found out there were copies available at the AIS office that had been donated by the Area that we could use. If we use all of those, we may purchase more.

One of our members agreed to chair a committee to plan a District workshop and we hope to do this sometime in the next year. More will be revealed as the topic & schedule are decided.

Our next District meeting will be in person at the AIS office, with a hybrid option, and will be held on Monday, June 16. Thanks to Cathy F. for helping with access to the AIS office for helping set up our meetings!

I would like to thank the GRs in our District for their service. Will those who are here in person, please stand up and those attending on Zoom please wave.

District 2 (Mike M.)

District 2, serving the southern Indiana area, has 12 active in-person meetings, one active Alateen meeting, and one electronic meeting. This will be changing soon, though. We are adding a new morning meeting at The Recovery complex, soon.

Speaking of The Recovery Complex... It is now open and several of our meetings are moving there, including my home group, *Just for Today AFG*. We are also changing our meeting time from 7:30 to 7 pm. Our District meetings will

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also be moving there as well. We are excited to have a new meeting facility. We are also grateful to the Serenity House for allowing our groups to hold meetings there for the last several years.

We had our most recent District meeting on May 8. The meeting was hybrid and well attended. Seven of our 13 active Al-Anon meetings were represented. We discussed having our fall picnic again in September. We are happy to announce, after some issues securing a location, that the picnic will be Sept. 6, 2025 at Sam Peden Community Park. The District will be providing hamburgers/hotdogs and bottled water. We will be asking people to bring a side dish or a dessert. There will be 3 speakers that will be announced later when the flyer comes out.

I want to recognize the members of our District who are here today in person and on Zoom. Thank you for your service. I'd like to thank my District for allowing me to continue to serve them. I am grateful and humbled.

District 3 (Denise A.)

Our District meets on Zoom on odd months. The purpose of the District Meeting is to review and encourage the use of Conference Approved Literature (CAL); to encourage all groups to be financially responsible in accordance with our 7th Tradition; to provide consideration to group problems that may arise from time to time when Al-Anon Traditions are disregarded or other concerns are raised; to conduct workshops and projects for the benefit of Al-Anon as a whole; to compile and maintain accurate listings of all group mtgs in the District and to encourage full participation of each group at the District & Assembly Meetings. In our District we have 18 in-person meetings and 4 electronic meetings.

At our March meeting we discussed the importance of having a group inventory. Group inventory is a spiritual process. One of our members did an excellent job explaining what a group inventory is and different methods of doing this. This activity is so important for the health of the group. The Marksfield group reported back that the inventory was a great success!

At our May meeting we discussed the resignation of our District Secretary, and our new secretary was voted in. We discussed a Public Outreach (PO) project. There are limited funds to each District. The District can elect to participate in a County Fair for a day to share the message of Al-Anon. Barbara reported on the possibility of participating in the Shelby County or Oldham County fairs. The group discussed alternatives to the County Fair project, including hanging Al-Anon public outreach posters at a variety of locations and leaving outreach-specific literature. The decision to participate in the County Fair project or other outreach project was tabled until July.

Recent District 3 Discussions:

- A. QR Codes were issued by the WSO to each group to confirm the meeting-specific information displayed on the WSO website. Some members reported receiving a letter; others received a QR Code. I recommended that each member log on to the WSO website and review the information displayed. One group reported being totally taken off the WSO website. Ashley helped us solve the issue and the group is now on the website.
- B. March Area Assembly deferred motions. Voting on two motions was deferred until June to allow GRs more time to review the information that accompanied each.
 - 1. Election Procedures – The three documents to review prior to the June meeting are:
 - the Election Procedures document is reviewed every 3-year term.
 - a Timeline Document suggestion for groups, districts and Lexington AIS and Louisville ISC to hold their elections. DRs need be elected prior to Area elections so those people can stand for Area officers. It is important.
 - a Trusted Servant Profile – a new doc, recommended for use by anyone letting their name stand for an Area office. This is a template to help you share information on your service history with those who will be voting.
 - 2. Restoration of KOMIAC, Inc. or creation of KACK, Inc. Denise attempted to explain this complex motion. A link was provided that contains additional information for all GRs to review prior to June Assembly. The group was unable to review the information regarding the pending motions.
- C. Crosstalk – the concern of crosstalk was brought up during our March District meeting. Barbara A informed the group that Al-Anon no longer has a policy on crosstalk. However, she provided a link to an Area that has a policy.

District 4 (Benita D.)

District 4 has 18 in-person meetings (1 is hybrid), and 3 electronic meetings. We have one Alateen Mtg and one of our meetings is Spanish Speaking. All of our meetings have a GR or a CMA listed for their meeting. Our District meeting is by Zoom. We have about 12 people who come regularly to our District meeting. We have decided to begin studying the Concepts with our next meeting.

Our Public Outreach Project is to donate money for Literature to stock the Literature Racks at the Token 3 Club for people who may be interested in Al-Anon. We have been discussing Group Inventory and the need to do one during the current GR term. We reviewed the Group Inventory Guidelines and discussed. We have been reviewing materials at the

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KY Area Al-Anon website regarding Task, Thought and Work Forces currently in progress, the Motions tabled at March Assembly, and what our thoughts and obligations are to the Area Assembly and its processes.

We continue to plan for a workshop later this year and to host the New Year's Eve Eat 'n Speak for the AIS office fundraising this year. And lastly, our District will host the next Area Assembly in Oct 2025.

District 5 (Celia G.)

Welcome GRs from District 5 with us in person and on Zoom. Thank you District 12 for hosting this Assembly. Thank you, Pauline and Linda, for your preparation to make today's Assembly a success. We feel the love and support of Service that has been shared throughout.

District 5 covers the Southwest corner of Jefferson County. We have 8 Al-Anon meetings, one of which is hybrid, and one Alateen meeting. We had our hybrid District meeting on Tuesday, May 6; it was well attended. All seven groups with a GR were represented either on Zoom or in person, as well a visitor: our Delegate, Pauline.

Our District continued discussions on planning a workshop and selected a topic, a potential venue, and a Plan A and B for dates. Two eager chairpersons volunteered to lead the effort. Since that meeting we had a planning meeting and secured the location and date, and here's the [flyer](#) for our Workshop on the 3-Cs on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 1-3 pm, in the gym at Fairdale Christian Church. We'll have a speaker on each of the "C"s and an Ask-it-Basket session with our panel of speakers.

Our District meets on the first Tuesday of odd months. At our next District meeting, we will continue the planning for our District workshop. Thank you for your attention!

District 6 (Open) – No Report

District 7 (Dawn A.)

Here in District 7, we are still doing our quarterly "This is Al-Anon" meetings at ARC in Owensboro. June 29 will be our first "This is Al-Anon" meeting at ORR in Owensboro.

The 4 meetings in the District are stable. We have 3 in-person meetings and our one Zoom meeting is now a hybrid meeting. Faith H of District 7 is the Al-Anon Liaison for AA's 2026 KY Convention being held in Owensboro.

District 8 (Open) – No Report

District 9 (Pat Bowen)*

District 9 has nine groups, with 10 meetings a week, one is a hybrid. The last District meeting was in April. We had food, fellowship, and a workshop on An Al-Anon Journey. Our outreach project for this year is distributing *Al-Anon Face Alcoholism* pamphlets along with our meeting list to churches and first responders.

**It is with great sadness that we share news of the sudden passing of our own Pat Bowen, DR from District 9, on June 14, 2025 (shortly after Assembly). Pat was a wonderful servant to Al-Anon and the KY Area.*

District 10 (Karen G.)

I want to acknowledge the people from District 10 participating in this Area Assembly. Since the last Area Assembly we confirmed that we had one meeting close many months ago and we had one meeting close recently which leaves us with a total of 14 meetings per week in our District – 13 in person and 1 Zoom. The recent closure was related to a lack of attendance.

Our outreach project continues to focus on placing *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* posters up around our communities as well as attending community events such as health fairs to hand out literature. Since August 2024 our District has distributed more than 1,200 posters and pieces of literature!

Most of the focus for those who regularly participate in the District has moved to the Host Committee work for the 2026 Al-Anon convention. This will cause our District activity to reduce somewhat over the next 18 months.

District 11 (Ronda B.) – No Report

District 12 (Becky H)

District 12 meetings are held at 2 pm on the 2nd Sunday of every month both in-person and via Zoom. Our last meeting was April 13, 2025. Our next meeting is June 8. We did not meet in May because the date fell on Mother's Day. We had 13 in attendance for the March meeting and 11 in attendance for the April meeting.

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District 12 has 31 active groups registered with WSO. Of those meetings, one is a phone conference call only, one is a registered electronic group, 10 are hybrid and 3 are Zoom only. The rest are in-person only. We have one Alateen meeting. Six groups are currently without a Group Representative. The only open position at the District level is the Alateen Coordinator.

To promote literature sales, we asked our GRs and Alt. GRs to promote a certain book for two months and chair meetings about it. They are provided with a summary of the book and asked to have at least 1 copy of the promoted literature on hand to sell. The current book promotion is running from May through June and is “As We Understood.”

We are in the process of starting a new Alateen meeting in Lexington on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm at the So. Hills United Methodist Church. As soon as we have the details worked out and sponsors confirmed, we’ll get the group registered and begin meetings. The AMIAS training sessions are being communicated at all meetings. The groups are currently holding group inventories and reporting their key take aways at the District meetings

Districts 13, 14 and 15 – No Reports

District 16 (Kay F.)

I’m Kay P., DR for District 16. Our District is in the southeast corner of the state. We have not held a District Meeting since May 2024. Mostly because I’ve had some health issues. I’m hoping I’ll have a District mtg before the October Area Assembly.

I’m planning on visiting the other meetings in our District during the summer months. Currently, we have meetings in Barbourville, two in London, and two in Corbin. We continue trying to do more public outreach in other counties within our District. We still have some positions open and are working on filling those by having more discussions about service. We have several new members who have stepped up and are filling some of the positions, especially in our Tuesday night meeting. We’ve had a Group Inventory Meeting in the Corbin Tuesday Night meeting and will be working with other groups on doing this also.

Next Area Assembly - HYBRID: Saturday, **October 4, 2025, 9 am ET**

Country Inn, 107 Buffalo Creek Dr., Elizabethtown, KY, 270-769-1334, Same Zoom Login/Password

Assembly agenda/minutes and other documents will be posted on kya1-anon.org > Members tab (password: afg)

Hosting Districts: October 2025: District 4 March 2026: District 10

Literature AWSC/Assembly: October 2025: Lexington AIS/LDC

Respectfully submitted (& **Amended 09/30/2025**).

Claire H, KY Area Secretary, 2024-26

Attachment:

- Delegate Report (Text Only)

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2025 Delegate Report (text only)

Good morning. I'm Pauline Wolfe, the Kentucky Area Delegate.

I recently attended Al-Anon's 65th Annual World Service Conference, the WSC. The Conference provides guidance to the World Service Office, the WSO, on service matters that are brought to its attention.

How do we do this? Through discussion and deliberations at the WSC, the active voice and group conscience of Al-Anon is heard. Basically, the World Service Conference is Al-Anon's largest group conscience.

My role today is to share information from the World Service Conference(WSC) with you. In your role as GR, you get to share information from this report to your groups. This is how the Links of Service works.

I am the liaison between the Area and the WSO. You, a GR are the liaison between the group and the District and the group and the Area Assembly.

So, as we go through the report, consider what info your group needs to know and what would be interesting to them.

Let's get started.

A lot happened between 8a and 930p during the 4 days of conference. I've condensed it to these topics:

Finances, Program and Project Updates, Service manual Updates, Two places where I will need your input, Upcoming Events, Personal Reflections and interspersed some activities to test your knowledge of Al-Anon.

We begin with Finances.

The 2024 Audit is conducted yearly by an outside firm. That firm examines our financial reports, interviews Staff, reviews accounting and financial records, reviews banking transactions, and test internal controls. And the good news is a clean report for Al-Anon. Here is info from that report.

WSO income comes from four sources. Last year, 39 percent of our income came from literature sales(sales of books, pamphlets, etc.). 40 Percent came from contribution(these are contributions from members, groups and others in the WSC structure)s. 3 percent came from Magazine sales(Forum and its French and Spanish cousins). 18 percent came from income earned from investments, fund transfers and currency adjustments.

40 percent of our income comes from contributions. Here is what that has looked like over the past five years. In 2024, over 3 million dollars was contributed to Al-Anon. Let's look at where that money comes from.

Groups contributed more that 1.2 millions dollars last year. The longest bar in this graph. \$453 thousand plus dollars were contributed from the quarterly appeal, the bar at the top. I personally like the quarterly appeal as it allows me to contribute directly to the WSO.

And individual contributions, the 4th bar from the top, were \$443 thousand plus dollars. "Other" donations, bar 6 on the graph, includes donations from districts, Areas and AIS offices.

Here is info on our contributions from Kentucky. In 2024, 71 percent of KY Area groups contributed. The average contribution was \$212.65. for a total of group contributions of \$26, 156. This is compared to last year in which 61% of groups in the WSC structure which donated for an average of \$202.64.

Other contributions totaled \$9879.00. These funds came from AISs, LDCs, our Area, Districts, and individual members.

Grand total of contributions from Kentucky is \$36, 035. Thank you for your contributions.

Each year the WSO calculates the Cost Per group. This is what it costs the WSO to maintain each group (Al-Anon and Alateen). The cost per group is 337.53 for the approximate 13,246 groups in the WSC structure(Delegate from states, provinces, and territories within the U.S. – including Puerto Rico, Bermuda and Canada collectively comprise the WSC structure. This is a seven dollarish difference. Remember, the back of the quarterly appeal provides a list of all the services provided by the World Service office(WSO). Remember, this is not what groups are expected to contribute, this is just informational of what the actual costs are. Thank you for your contributions to keep Al-Anon working.

Another large income source for the WSO is literature. Literature provides 39% of WSO income. Let's take a deeper dive into Literature sales. As you can see, 2023, the yellow bar, was a great year for Literature Sales. What book was released that year? A little Time for Myself. Literature Sales dropped a bit in 2024 as you can see by the blue bar on the far right. The expected trend is that this year, literature sales will return to pre-pandemic levels.

Taking the number one position in Literature Sales again this year is the book How Al-Anon Works. Number two was A Little Time For Myself, and the third place was the new booklet, Healing within Our Alcoholic Relationships. Courage to Change took 4th place and One Day at a Time took 5th place.

The third income stream is income from investments. 18% of WSO income comes from investments

Due to favorable market conditions during the year the organization experienced a gain of \$753,778

Yearly investment performance increases or decreases the reserve fund (our ample reserve).

Al-Anon continues to be invested in conservative, mature and healthy equities and bonds. Investment income varies each year.

The fourth revenue stream is magazine sales. 3% of the revenue come from the sale of The Forum, AFA, and the French and Spanish magazine - cousins of The Forum.

Money comes in and money goes out. Here is info on the expenses between 2024(in blue) and 2023(in orange). As we look at the expense comparisons of the past two years, we can see they have remained somewhat consistent. We also see the three main areas of expenses

Program, Literature and General Administration.

We've looked at the income picture of the WSO. The other side of that is the WSO Expenses. 53% of the money spent at the WSO is maintaining the Al-Anon program(the blue side of the graph). 16 percent of the total expense is the cost of literature(gray bar) and 31 percent, in the orange bar) is the general and administrative costs. 69% of WSO expenses support the Al-Anon program.

The total overall program expenses of 69 percent, combines literature and program expenses. This is consistent w/industry standards.

And here is what the WSO projects for this year. Here is the 2025 Operating Budget compared to the 2024 Budget and Actuals

Estimated Revenues are up slightly from 2024 about 2% or \$124,000

Estimated Expenses are up about 7% over the 2024 actuals

How can you and your group help:

- Consistent steady giving is important.
- Support CAL

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Last year, I reported that AI-Anon had some excess funds from 2023 which were used for projects in 2024. Those excess funds were used for: A new van to replace the 20 year old van that the WSO uses for travel, supplies, etc. They replaced the table and chairs in the board room that have been in use since 1996. Purchased a new letter opener, this will help improve efficiency. (The letter opener they were using had been brought from New York when they moved to Va Beach in the 1990s.) And funds were used to fund future strategic initiatives.

Enough about money. Let's pause and talk a bit about the AI-Anon's Annual Report.

Each year, the WSO releases an annual report. This report's purpose is to inform the World Service Conference and our membership about the efforts, accomplishments, and challenges of the WSO Staff and Volunteers. The full report is included in the World Service Conference Summary. I've taken some facts from it so that we could have a bit of fun. Let's see what you know about AI-Anon. In the room, please raise your hand to the question, on Zoom, please post your answers in chat.

How many in-person AI-Anon meetings(not Alateen) are there in the U.S? Answer = 10,792

How many in-person Alateen meetings are there in the U.S.? 498

Ok, time to think big....how many total AI-Anon, Alateen in person and electronic meetings are there worldwide? (Click) The WSO reported that there are 22, 243 meetings world-wide.

In North America, which includes Hawaii, Alaska Canada and Bermuda, there are a total of 13, 246 AI-Anon and Alateen in-person and electronic meetings.. There are now around 950 electronic groups in the WSC structure.

There are several ways or platforms that a person can attend an electronic meeting.. How many different platforms do you think are used for electronic AI-Anon meetings? (Zoom, phone, Facebook, etc. There are 25 different platforms used for meetings worldwide.

How many people subscribe to the AI-Anon App? A: 228, 000

How many people are currently subscribed to The Forum? A: 18,265.

Earlier I shared about some of the ways that the excess money was being used. Above and beyond that, there are three major strategic initiatives that the WSO is working on. The Board approved utilizing available funds in excess of the WSO One Year's Operating Expenses to fund three special projects:

WSO Core Systems Overhaul

Professional Outreach to Young People and Passing It On

The Core System Overhaul is a large software project. The WSO needs software that can handle group and trusted servant records, an online store and inventory availability, meeting searches, AFG Connects, a Financial system and association management and accounting systems. And some of this must be in English, French and Spanish. This is a multi-year project.

The project has four main phases:

Requirements gathering – understanding the needs of WSO Staff and fellowship users. This step is nearly complete.

Software vendor(s) selection – This phase will begin immediately following the WSC.

Implementation & Development – involving the process of configuring the software, developing reports, testing the system, and determining a rollout plan for the new systems.

Rollout – supported by a strong communication plan, the rollout is likely to occur in phases to minimize disruption for Area trusted servants and WSO operations.

The Professional Outreach – Young People. This project is taking a multi-faceted approach to reach young people aged 13–25 who may be affected by someone else's drinking, along with those professionals who are able to refer these young people to AI-Anon and Alateen. Specifically, the program consists of:

- Playing our PSA called "Questions" on podcasts geared toward teenagers and young adults. This will be the first time the public service announcements are made available in this type of media.
- We will be exhibiting at professional conferences focused on reaching social workers, school counselors, and others who work with teens. These are attended by both professionals and young people.
- We will purchase half-page ads in trade journals to continue to emphasize and reach more social workers, school counselors, and family therapists.
- And finally, the WSO is developing a dedicated LinkedIn advertising campaign to raise awareness of AI-Anon and Alateen among high school and college educators.

The belief is that this approach will increase awareness of our program among these key segments.

Pass it on. The goal of this project is to create and develop content that supports Areas in identifying and passing on information from one generation of members and trusted servants to the next. This project is in the development phase, and will help bridge the knowledge gap when an experienced member steps down from a leadership role and a new member takes on the role.

Here is some other information about the work done at the WSO.

Every other year, the WSO staff goes to a global region to support the international structures. Last year they visited South Korea, Mongolia, India and China. The China visit was managed remotely while staff was in South Korea. This quote from one of the presenters sums up the trip " The strengthening of AI-Anon globally is measurable as we witness these structures evolve and the enormous number of members who find recovery because we are there when anyone reaches out for help."

Here is other news from the WSO.

Most of us have either experienced and heard about the risks in using technology. The WSO experiences this too. They worked with their vendor to implement enhanced security measures.

AI-Anon no longer posts to X (Twitter). This is for two reasons. 1)Updated terms of use which includes our content being used to train AI & 2) our posting software no longer supports easy posting to the platform.

Each year, the WSO asks groups to verify that the information on their group is correct. This is called the Annual Group Update. The WSO usually gets a 30% return rate. Now, new online forms will make it easier and hopefully get a higher return rate.

WSO Staff has been and will be attending various professional conferences to increase awareness of AI-Anon.

The WSC approved two updates to the Service Manual. Let's take a look at each one.

The first is an addition to the Service Manual. This content will be added under the topic of Who Can Disband a Group. The content will read:

Only the members of the group itself have the autonomy and authority to disband the group. In keeping with the Traditions and Warranties Four and Five of Concept Twelve (see "Concept Twelve" in "AI-Anon's Twelve Concepts of Service"), no service arm has

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the authority to close a group or engage in other punitive actions against a group because they disapprove of the manner in which a group practices the Al-Anon program.

The second update concerns Meeting List Publishing. Some areas have a meeting list publishing policy. In general, the policy is designed to guide those Areas facing significant, ongoing group(s) violation of Al-Anon's Traditions. To make it work, an Area creates a meeting list publishing policy that is then reviewed and agreed upon by the WSO. Only in this way can an Area request that the WSO not publish information about a meeting in their Area. The wording for the Service manual will be: In keeping with the Traditions and Warranties Four and Five of Concept Twelve (see "Concept Twelve" in "Al-Anon's Twelve Concepts of Service"), an Area may request that the WSO not publish information about a meeting if the Area has a Meeting List Publishing Policy in place that the WSO has reviewed and agrees to support. Only a couple of Areas have a Meeting List Publishing Policy.

Two topics were discussed at Conference that I will need your help with. The help that you can provide will be by sharing your experience, strength and hope at an upcoming Assembly on these two topics. Today, I'll provide just a brief overview of each. First, The WSC was unique this year in that there was a minority appeal. That appeal revolved around the Choosing a Group's Name policy that was approved at WSC in 2024. Remember, under Concept 5, the rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and ensure that they be heard. So, prior to Conference, Delegates were asked to read through 189 appeals, and during Conference we engaged in a lot of discussion on this topic. What was the primary concern? Well, the policy, approved by the WSC in 2024, stated that for new groups (and ONLY for new groups), the WSO would stop allowing identifiers as part of the group name. For example, if a new group wanted to register with the name Saturday Morning Parents group, the WSO staff would advise the group to select another name without the word 'Parent' in the title (honoring Tradition Three). When this policy was implemented, some members felt it was punitive and shared their concerns with the WSO and Delegates. And those concerns became a minority appeal.

So what happened? After many hours of spiritual, Tradition and Concept based discussion, a motion was made and approved to address the concerns expressed in the minority appeals. The motion states:

Allow group names to continue to include identifiers such as those currently listed on page 28 of the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) v4(a) including "men, women, parents, adult children, young adults, other gender identification/sexual orientation, etc. with the understanding that in keeping with Traditions Three and Five, the groups will welcome anyone affected by someone else's drinking" until the 2026 World Service Conference to allow WSC Structure Areas to discuss the implementation of the 2024 WSC-approved "Choosing a Group's Name" Policy.

We will be discussing this topic in depth at the October Assembly as we have only scratched the surface of this topic today.

Additionally, I will be holding a meeting with the GRs and members of the groups in the KY Area that have an identifier in their title seeking more understanding. Any other member will be able to join in on these Zoom meetings.

What was so inspiring to me about this passionate discussion, was that this grass roots effort shows how the membership can drive change. And that when we presume good will, stay honest, open and willing we see that meaningful discussion can happen.

Interesting to me in was this important take away from the discussion on Choosing a Group Name. Page 28 in the Service Manual under Naming a Group, reminds me that "in keeping with Traditions Three and Five, groups will welcome anyone affected by someone else's drinking". I was surprised to learn that some groups turn members away because they don't match the community identifier associated with the group. Or someone in a group with an identifier tells a newcomer to go to another meeting, or someone tells a teen that they can't come to Al-Anon that they need to go to Alateen. What I learned, is that sometimes we are not very welcoming. We, the members of Al-Anon have an obligation to welcome all to any meeting. Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there and let it begin with me.

The second item that I would like your input on is about Electronic Alateen. In 2020, the Board approved efforts to see if there was a cohesive approach for expanding the availability

of online Alateen meetings (not including Alateen events) through the Al-Anon Family

Groups Mobile App and other electronic platforms. Five years in the making which included many meetings, collaboration using Knowledge based Decision making and seeking input from members (last year I shared our Area's feedback on Electronic Alateen behavioral and Safety Guidelines), the WSO has a goal of rolling out electronic Alateen groups in July of 2026.

Here is a high-level overview of Electronic Alateen meetings.

Any teen within our WSC structure could choose to participate. The teen would have to register for the meeting. Certified E-AMIAS would support the meetings.

Electronic Alateen provides teens with many choices and opportunities to safely attend meetings where experience, strength, and hope is shared as a result of being affected by someone else's drinking.

Since this is just an overview today, I plan to share more information about this with our Alateen Coordinator and AMIAS Coordinator. Also, we will have a fuller discussion about this at an upcoming Assembly. I will be seeking your input to see if there is any KY Area interest in opting in to this program.

Raise your hand if you participated in the 2024 Membership Survey.

Raise your hand if you encouraged your group or others to complete the survey.

Thank you for your service in promoting participation because participation is the key to harmony.

15,375 people completed the survey. Now, time for us to play The Survey says.....I'll show a question and you should write down or post in chat your best guess to the question.

What percentage of people came to Al-Anon because of romantic partners alcoholism/addiction? The survey says.....

49% came due to a romantic partner's alcoholism/addiction, 14% due to a parent's and 20% due to a child.

Question 2...what is the average age of an Al-Anon member? The survey says..... The average age of Al-Anon member respondent is 63.4, whereas the median age is 66 years old. (Average age is the sum of all ages divided by the number of people, while median age is the middle age when ages are arranged in order, with half the population older and half younger than it.)

Question 3...What percentage of respondents reported improvement in their mental health in their first year? The survey says....80%.

And 91% of members with four or more years, of Al-Anon involvement indicate improved mental health. Pays to attend meetings huh? More information about the 2024 Survey results are available online at al-anon.org

Here are some upcoming event announcements to share. An event in Vancouver this summer, a get together in Omaha in early fall, a party in Newport News and a big deal in Minneapolis.

Vancouver, Canada is the location of the International Alcoholics Anonymous Convention with Al-Anon participation. This year AA is

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celebrating their 90th birthday!

The Hyatt in downtown Vancouver is the home for AI-Anon events this year. Daytime sessions will be held at the hotel on the 2nd, 3rd and 34th floors. You can expect Speaker meetings, writing workshops, book study meetings, panel sessions, topic sessions and WSO Staff and Volunteer Service Workshops in English, Spanish, French and American Sign Language.

400 Volunteers are needed for various things.

As of mid-March there were 1,685 AL-Anon's registered.

The next AA Convention with AL-Anon participation is much closer to home. It will be in St. Louis in 2030.

The 2025 You and Your Board Connect event will be taking place October 25, 2025 in Omaha, Nebraska. This event provides an opportunity for AI-Anon members to meet and interact with Trustees and Executive Committee members. Registration and hotel details will be released later.

Check the AI-Anon WSO website for the registration form. It will be released soon.

Save the Date Alert! In 2026, AI-Anon celebrates being 75 years old. There will be a party!!

A formal gala event with dinner and speakers will be held on April 25, 2026 following the 2026 World Service Conference. All members are welcome. No other details are available, however, put this on your calendar.

And another Save the Date for you. The 9th AI-Anon International Convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 20-22, 2028.

FYI....11 Delegates proposed having the convention in their Area. An event management company culled this list down to 3 cities.

After WSO staff and the event company visited the 3 cities, the Board selected Minneapolis.

Two hotels are attached to the convention center and the other participating hotels are within a five minute walk to the convention.

Minneapolis is a 4-hour flight from anywhere in the contiguous U.S.

12 hours away from here by car. You can have a lifetime of memories by attending.

Now some Reflections.

My experience this year was sweetened by the many cards and texts that you sent to me. Your words of encouragement, inspiration, CAL quotes, gratitude, love and care filled me up. When I would get back to my room late in the evening it was your cards that filled my heart, made me tear up and humbled me. I fell asleep surrounded by your love. Thank you for taking the time to send me a note. To those districts, groups and individuals who sent Love Tokens to share with other WSC attendees, thank you. The Kentucky pins were a great way for me to meet others. The "tissues for your issues" made people smile. People commented about how creative and cute the bookmarks were. The sunflower seed packets were very popular and the coloring pages did the trick. I observed someone relaxing while coloring during a break. Thank you for your generous display of KY Area love.

I've brought home some love tokens to share with those in the room. They are on the table in the front. For those on Zoom, if you would like a love token from another area, please put your name and address in chat or email it to me and I'll send some Love to you. Once again, when the opening gavel fell, tears came to my eyes. Each day I bubbled up when I read your cards and messages and I gave and received a lot of hugs. I was overwhelmed by seeing the Traditions come to life. I witnessed unity, respect, leadership, people focused on carrying the message of recovery and knowing in my heart that a HP was present. (click) I experienced us living out this year's theme of investing in each other to preserve our legacy.

On the day after conference, the WSC members went to Stepping Stones, the home of Lois and Bill Wilson, co-founders of AI-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous respectively. Learning how their lives were so dedicated to sharing the message of recovery, seeing examples of this in the displays and hearing stories about them carrying the message cemented in me the importance of our primary purpose to help families of alcoholics. It was an overwhelming experience. It was like seeing the AI-Anon Declaration come to life through the work that Lois and Anne B did.

(Pictures removed) While there, a volunteer offered to take my picture by the Stepping Stones sign. In each of the photos, I'm crying.....it was a spiritual, uplifting, affirming, experience. One I shall always treasure.

If you find you need additional conversation about any of this, I am happy to chat by phone and /or come to your group and or District meeting and either share all or some of this report or just answer questions. Here is my contact info. (Personal info removed)

Contact me at delegate@kya-anon.org

My heart is filled, gratitude abounds and I continue to be humbled by the privilege to serve as the KY area delegate. I treasure your trust and faith in me.

Respectfully submitted and having fun in service,

Pauline W.