

Area Assembly Minutes – Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025
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Assembly Opens with Serenity Prayer, Welcome and Announcements – Linda C., Area Chair

Welcome to WSO guests and visitors, new GRs, Dist. 04 for getting all our equipment here, and Lex. LDC helpers, etc. We will have a raffle later for literature (see June C. in the room and a drawing on Zoom). Plus, there's water in the room by Alateens. And our next year's Convention Host Committee (2026) has some fundraiser items in the back of the room. Plus, we'll hear a 2025 Convention wrap-up report today too!

Linda C. shared general info about the Assembly and urged all to read pgs. 159–160 in *Service Manual* for more info.

Assembly Etiquette, Adopted from the World Service Conference (WSC), Karen G. presented ppt. Linda C. pointed out that we have a new Tech team this Assembly + a new Tech Coord will start in January... Thanks to Denise for all her help in this transition.

Approval of Minutes from June 2025 Area Assembly – Claire H., Area Secretary

Claire apologized for any confusion in days before this Assembly. June Minutes had to be amended to add Alateen Coord's "Dist./Group Alateen Inventory" — Amended Minutes are now 21 pages, and this added copy is all on one page AND shown in red. Extra copies of just this new, additional copy are available on the table with all our flyers, and the amended version has been on the website since Thursday, Oct. 2.

I make a motion that we accept the June 7, 2025 Area Assembly Minutes as amended.

Made by: Francie L, GR *Seekers of Serenity AFG*; Seconded by: Tracy F, GR *Slogans online AFG*

Room: 18 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 32 yes 0 no 3 abstain — **Motion passes.**

Reading of Motions brought forward from AWSC – Claire H., Area Secretary

There are 3 motions for afternoon vote, as follow:

- 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 that we accept elections-related document titled "Timing of Elections for the KY Area Link of Service Group, District, Area Information Service Committee/AIS" as edited.
- I make a motion that we pay the Full Amount (\$3,119) for our Delegate to attend the 2026 World Service Conference (WSC).

Linda reminded GRs that these motions originate out of AWSC and are recommended to the Assembly. After discussion, we vote on the motions. There will be time at 12:45 to discuss these Motions with DRs; and Ashley will handle questions on Zoom during that time, too.

Treasurer's Reports and Budget – Sara G., Area Treasurer

Sara presented her corrected Treasurer's Report for June 1–Sept 30, 2025.

Question about income sources. Sara answered that it's contributions and money made from Assembly raffles.

I make a motion that we accept the Treasurer's Report for June 1–Sept 30, 2025 as corrected.

Made by: Marcia B, GR *12 Traditions AFG*; Seconded by: Laura J, GR *Weds 12-Step AFG*

Room: 18 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 36 yes 1 no 0 abstain. — **Motion passes.**

Sara then walked us through the KY Area Assembly Fiscal 2026 Proposed Budget as corrected.

Any questions?

Why are some line items not increased for 2026? Sara asked which line item specifically, and that some expenses this year were one-time expenses, like our Website update costs this year, and Tech had some 1x costs in 2025, too. There were also some line items where nothing was actually spent.

I make a motion that we accept the KY Area Assembly Fiscal 2026 Proposed Budget as corrected.

Made by: Jessica L, GR *St Matthews AFG*; Seconded by: Amy V, GR *Thurs Morning Serenity AFG*

Room: 20 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 36 yes 2 no 1 abstain — **Motion passes.**

Sara also referenced the Group Contributions Report. And Linda C emphasized GRs to make a note of our KY Treasurer Sara's address for mailing in Group donations — we learned last night that our Past Treasurer Dawn is still

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receiving dozens of checks every few months. GRs please help us fix this as soon as possible. Thank you. Our KY Treasurer Sara's address will be on the screen shortly.

There is a Budget Task Force meeting to review process and our principled, financial priorities.

Delegate's Report – Pauline W. + Asheley B (Alt Delegate)

Delegate began with reminder that she had mentioned in June that she'd need GRs' input on this particular topic: Naming Groups without using any 'identifiers.' WSO has put this issue on hold until all Delegates gather more info from members. And Note: This new policy does not affect existing group names—only newly forming groups. Pauline and Ashely introduced a skit performed by Beth + Lara on Zoom (these skits came from WSO).

...Breakout discussions followed using Pauline's handouts (pink + white papers) – both on Zoom and in room.

Notetakers from these breakout sessions shared the following:

Beth M (on Zoom) – Her group felt that the idea of having 'identifiers' was good, but could get clique-ish. AA mtg names seem random. And thought that for out-of-towners looking for a meeting, 'descriptors' (i.e., 'identifiers') might put them off, and Nursing students might be turned off too.

Shirley, Dist 9 – The group name "Parents Supporting Parents" is off putting, use slogans instead to name your group. Trad 3 states "...no other affiliation." Why use an identifier if meetings accept all who enter. Churches don't use identifiers.

Mary C, Dist 9 – They feel 'identifiers' are limiting; our common goal is to grow and learn and move past our isolation and hurts. We all need to be more flexible, compassionate and emphasize our commonalities. We need diversity in our groups.

Tracy F – No matter the name, the solution is the same: Tell newcomers, "Try different meetings, get a sponsor, keep coming back, etc."

Peggy, Dist 9 – People need to know "everybody's welcome," but maybe Men's groups might be more comfortable for Men to come to Al-Anon ... it's hard to draw hard rules on this. Maybe group name doesn't identify, and instead a subhead is listed on the website for that group's focus.

Lisa F, Dist 4 – We asked if these 'identifiers' honored Tradition 3 ... they do not. And our Men's Group and a Sister's group, we noticed, do NOT come to Area Assembly. Unity within one group vs. unity in the world of Al-Anon. We don't come to meetings to discuss our sexual preference. It's for Al-Anon recovery.

Benita, Dist 4 – We thought if a woman walked into the Men's group she would likely feel very uncomfortable. And oddly enough, the WSO's Group Registration Form even requests this type of info . . .

Rose – We framed our discussions on how a newcomer might feel ... and on websites, A group named "Men's" maybe doesn't tell the whole story. And we thought an LGBTQI+ group might just keep to themselves. Those types of isolated groups don't make it. The goal of Al-Anon is for people to be people and not put tags on them. Read the welcome!!! ALL are welcome in these rooms; we never turned anyone away.

Pauline personally contacted the 8 groups in KY that use identifiers in their name to come here today and share: No one spoke up... So, she opened up that opportunity to share on this right here and now:

From Zoom Chat – Some women have suffered violence in alcoholic homes and may need the safety of women-only groups – and same for LGBTQI+ members ... it's a safety thing. Meetings can choose to be 'Closed.'

Pauline needs feedback from GRs to go back to their groups to gather feedback on 'identifiers' and group names. Pauline shared guidelines to help in this. EX: a pre-written email on this topic. The pink page shared today is useful to open discussion on this topic. Pg 2 (white sheet) is a printout of an introductory email (a complete overview). This info is available on our [KY website](#) > Members tab > enter password: afg > Choosing a Group Name > takes you to 5 different links – basically the info shared and used here today as well as follow-up Zoom meeting schedule(s) for further discussions (Jan 17, 2026 at 10am ET; and Feb 3 at 7:30 pm ET).

Questions:

Lisa F – When will this be resolved by WSO? What will WSO do with this information? I understand existing groups do not have to change anything. In response, Pauline answered that this is ongoing (since 2024) ... WSO is thoroughly exploring this and when all info is gathered, there will be a vote at the WSC.

In room – Does this apply to Alateen groups? Pauline says she wants to explore that before she responds – she'll get back to us on that.

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Archives Presentation – Judy M., Area Archives Coordinator

Judy M. introduced WSO Guests: Jennifer U., AFG Archivist & Conference Specialist; and Suzanne M., AFG Associate Director – World Service Events & History

Jennifer U – introduced herself and her history w/Al-Anon. She also introduced her friend and co-worker Suzanne. She let us know that Kentucky played a vital role in the initial formation of Al-Anon's WSO – as a core member. Healing and connection have always been a vital role in the KY Area. In Jennifer's role at WSO, she interacts with members from all around the world. She also supports the Conference team as Conference Specialist. In one, she is maintaining our history, and in the other, ensuring its future. Archives are a "living breathing part of our journey." She enjoys experiencing the evolution of Al-Anon through the records, memorabilia, and stories behind our archives. These records reflect the evolution, growth, language (+ responsiveness) of Al-Anon over the years. ... from humble beginnings to a global organization.

Members have let her know that some of her displays have really helped them connect the past to the present – seeing themselves as a part of an ongoing (+growing) fellowship. These displays use QR codes to enhance the story. Today, one of our biggest projects is the digitization of our records – in a secure and efficient way. We currently have 150K items in our digital archive.

I want to thank Judy M, your KY Area Archivist, in helping bring this presentation to life; it doesn't take a professional, it takes curiosity and care to succeed at this. For those who come after us, these archives are a source of hope and comfort in maintaining our history. You're not just honoring the past, you're building a bridge to the future. To start, just ask your Group about their archives + records. Even help to record your Group's history. Thank you for all you do here today.

Jennifer's presentation shared a list of helpful resources to get started archiving our own groups. See slide #10

Useful Archives Resources

- ▶ **Area Archives Guideline (G-30)**
- ▶ **Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27)**
 - ▶ al-anon.org/for-members/wso/archives/
- ▶ **AR-9 Form**
- ▶ **AFG Connects Archives Community**
- ▶ **Literature**
- ▶ **Social Media—Follow Al-Anon WSO**
 - ▶ LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram

Al-Anon Family Groups
Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

< Slide #10

Any questions/Comments?

Linda C. thanked Jennifer for her enthusiasm. The portrait of Anne B in WSO's lobby was painted by a Kentuckian. Bruce F, PD – asked her to share slide of Anne B painted by the late Ruth McCauley of KY. Bruce also asked: Can you tell us about your experience of the first time you walked into the vault of archives? Jennifer answered that it was an overwhelming feeling of awe, very spiritual. The room is fireproof and helps point up why digitization is so important. Bill H – Wonderful presentation. I'm curious about your oldest recordings of Al-Anon talks. Are they on wire? Any people who restore old cars love to do research. Jennifer answered that WSO does maintain archives of different audio recordings on various media going back to the 1950s and 1960s. But Bill wanted to know if Al-Anon has any recordings that are on wire (He's restoring one now). Jennifer answered she could follow up on that specifically. Ronda B, DR Dist 11 – Of those 150K items in archives, are we current in 'digitizing' these? Jennifer answered: We are current on CAL, including all of our Forums (in all 3 languages). We continue to bring more records in to digital format. We certainly digitize older, fragile materials – it's ongoing. Thanks again...

11:45 – 12:45 pm Lunch Break (Zoomers asked to complete online Registration)

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Meeting Reopened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Linda C. added that a Work Group will be forming following the Archives presentation this morning. KY Archivist Judy M will be happy to get you more info about that.

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

Motions

1. Timing of Elections – introduced by Bruce F, Task Force Chair

As you know, we have elections every three years... Bruce read edited version of “Timing of Elections for the KY Area Link of Service Group, District, Area Information Service Committee/AIS”

-Area Elections will be held next October.

Any Questions:

Peggy, Dist 9 – just wanted to confirm the timing... Group elections will be in June or July, but don’t take office until January of following year. Who votes at Oct Assembly? Bruce confirmed timing, he also clarified that incoming GRs observe at the Oct. Assembly and the outgoing GRs vote.

On Zoom – can you spell out ISC? Bruce answered: Information Service Committee

Lori H, PD & current AA Liaison for Districts 1–5 ISC (metro Louisville) – are we adding “liaise to AA’s Falls City and AA State Convention, when it’s in Louisville” ? – Bruce replied, it’s stated in his copy he has in hand. The fully corrected version of this document will be on the website once we vote to approve it.

On Zoom: Who pays for both the incoming + outgoing GRs to attend Oct Assembly? — Bruce answered that it’s a group decision and expense.

Bruce stated that he’ll spell out **ISC** (Information Service Committee) and **AIS** (Area Information Service).

Linda C asked for a GR to make a motion on this . . .

I make a motion that we accept elections-related document titled “Timing of Elections for the KY Area Link of Service Group, District, Area Information Service Committee/AIS” as ~~edited~~ amended.

Made by: Lynn C, GR *Just for Today AFG*; Seconded by: Sherry H, GR *Parents Supporting Parents AFG*

and Linda took time to remind GRs that we want GRs to feel informed and have information in advance so you are prepared to vote, and then she read the definition of Abstention: “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 have not participated in the discussion. Abstentions do not count as votes and, therefore, lower the number of voting members on that motion.” (Taken from the World Service Conference Procedure document.)

Meanwhile, WSO guest Jennifer U took time to introduce Sarah S from WSO – and Sarah spoke about her role and honored to be here!

Room: 18 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 31 yes 2 no 1 abstain

— **Motion passes.**

2. Large Donations – Introduced by Amy P, Task Force Chair

Amy walked us through the history and results of this Task Force’s recommendations titled “Area Process for Accepting Large Donations.” These passed at AWSC in March. Amy read the doc aloud. A copy of Task Force findings/recommendations is on [Area website](#) and included as an attachment to these Minutes and was made available to all GRs.

Questions:

via email: Would this bring Alateen KOMIAC convention money under the Area Treasury? Answer: No

On Zoom, Cindy F. – How can we find out who was on the Task Force? Answer: Amy P, June C. and Sara G.

On Zoom chat – Why don’t we follow the Service Manual on all matters? Linda C answered that we do try to follow the Svc. Manual, and at times, KY needs to elaborate wording for its needs; for adding clarity to our Procedures.

Barbara A – Is this retroactive? Or will this only apply to large donations from here on out? Linda C answered: What’s happened in the past is over, this will help give us all direction to follow if this would ever happen again.

Kit A. – Can you explain the first item a bit more? Answer: This first Bullet item is mostly pulled from the *Service Manual* and tweaked for KY’s needs—we’d be adding this wording to our KY Treasurer’s Procedures. Use the middle column of the (most recent) Proposed Budget to see our Area’s “Actual Total Income” for current year.

Jessica L – KOMIAC’s budget is not part of KY Budget, correct? Answer: Correct.

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Mike M – Can you pull up the KY Area Alateen Coordinators Position? Is this different than on ASBR¹? Answer: This proposes word edits to the KY Area Alateen Coordinator Job Description document on the KY Area website AND on the ASBR... This will have to change the ASBR. Linda C. replied – Lisa did inform the AWSC the importance of updating the Coordinator's Job Description doc to include in the ASBR, which will be revised due to the KACK (KY Alateen Conference KOMIAC) work being done. If this motion passes, this edit to the Alateen Coordinator's job description will be included in the ASBR as well. As new entity KACK moves forward, that team will be addressing these types of edits.

¹Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR)

Mike asked who's on that KACK 'team?' Linda C answered, (per the Motion passed in June) that consists of Alateen Coordinator, Past Alateen Coordinator, Area Chairperson, Delegate, the Alateen Process Person and an At-Large Member (at present, yet unnamed)...

Jo Etta M, PD – an Al-Anon member may contribute to Alateen or Al-Anon, but anonymous people who are not Al-Anon members, may NOT contribute to Al-Anon. That is NOT covered by your wording. It was clarified that only Al-Anon members contribute, is a standard practice across the fellowship.

Carolyn L, PD – I can't recall, but did AWSC discuss mentioning adding an asterisk to clarify that we're NOT a corporation, people cannot deduct this kind of donation. I know WSO is incorporated but we are not. KY does not incorporate as a charitable organization; people need to know these contributions are not tax deductible.

Amy responded this is a procedure for the Area Treasurer, the Task Force was charged with recommendations on the Area process.

Linda C suggests for the purpose of the document being discussed now, we would not include tax information.

We could wait until KACK is formally incorporated to address this. Adding anything about taxes to this document seems unnecessary.

On Zoom chat, Karen G, GR– Can you tell me why the Area does not support Alateen? Linda C graciously answered that The Area DOES support Alateen; we have an Alateen Coordinator, we have an Alateen Process Person, we support Alateen groups and their conventions with AMIAS and regular training, per WSO.

On Zoom chat – Clarification requested for the amount that could be accepted as an individual donation. As an example, based on the actual contributions for 2025, \$252.39 as an individual contribution.

More questions from Zoom were read and answered. The number of Zoom chat comments became so lengthy and overshadowed questions that we were not able to address due to agenda time constraints. Linda C. hopes to move this to a vote...GRs are you ready to vote? Linda asks if someone wants to make a Motion to accept this document?

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

Made by: Lori H, acting GR *Joy for the Journey AFG*, Seconded by: June C, GR, *Sat. First Step AFG*

Based on comments in Zoom chats, it seems like GRs on Zoom don't feel prepared enough to vote . . . Linda re-read definition of Abstention.

Lori H, acting GR – clarified this Treasurer's Procedures document is already on the website, all we are adding is that if someone wants to make an individual contribution, we will do 1% of our total income for each year. This just puts a number on it, not acknowledging who the person is, not earmarking and returning if those aren't adhered to. I think we're making this harder than it is...

Linda C stated, We have a Motion on the floor, let's vote:

Room: 17 yes 1 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 25 yes 12 no 2 abstain — **Motion passes**

3. Costs to send Delegate to 2026 WSC – Delegate Pauline W. shared that the cost for the 2026 World Service Conference (WSC) has been announced. The *Equalized Expense* amount has been set at **\$2,183**. The *Full Amount* for a Delegate to attend the 2026 WSC has been set at **\$3,119**. Pauline is looking to this group for a motion regarding covering the cost of next year's conference. She shared the following info from page 169 of the *Service Manual* about Delegates' Equalized Expenses: "Because costs of travel to the World Service Conference are different for each Delegate, a formula was developed to provide a fair equalization of expenses: The Delegate's Equalized Expense is calculated by dividing the Full Amount for Delegates to attend Conference by the number of Delegates. The Full Amount is the total estimated travel, hotel, meal, and incidental expenses for the Delegates, including their portion of the costs of Conference supplies. This Full Amount is reported to the Board of Trustees. A substantial portion of the Full Amount, as determined by the Board of Trustees, is the Equalized Expense and is paid by the Areas. The balance

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of the Conference costs is paid out of AFG Inc.'s General Fund. The Conference Leadership Team informs each Area that this Equalized Expense is to be sent to the WSO by the Area Treasurer before January 1. The Delegates' travel and incidental expenses are defrayed by these funds, regardless of distance traveled."

Linda C. asked for a Motion from a GR . . .

I make a motion that we pay the Full Amount (\$3,119) for our Delegate to attend the 2026 World Service Conference (WSC).

Made by: Stephanie, GR *Resurrection AFG*; Seconded by: Jami J, acting GR *Hope for a Brighter Day AFG*

Room: 18 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Zoom: 36 yes 2 no 1 abstain — **Motion passes.**

And (in follow up) Pauline brought clarity to question raised earlier, RE: Group Naming + Alateens. With the help of our WSO visitor Sarah S. who confirmed for Pauline that currently no Alateen group uses an 'identifier' in their group name—and (at this point believes) this policy decision (once finalized) about naming groups will apply to Alateens as well, going forward.

GR Corner – Celia G., DR, District 5

Celia gave us tons of info on our Service Manual. These "GR Corner" presentations are always posted on our [KY Area website](#) > Members > (password) > Group Representative Resources > GR Corner

Bruce F, PD – He used it last night and discovered our AWSC Statement of Purpose does NOT match our *Service Manual*.

Celia was assisted by Andrea, GR *Together We Can Make It*, AFG, who helped by reading an article from *The Forum* on the *Service Manual*.

Celia's email: District5@kyl-anon.org

Coordinators Reports

AAPP – Maureen C.

Hello, my name is Maureen Carlson, and I am your Kentucky Area Alateen Process Person, or AAPP. Since our last meeting, 10 people have gone through the process and are now certified as **Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service**, or AMIAS! We currently have 60 people in the Kentucky Area who are certified to work with Alateens.

Group news: We had one Alateen group that was inactivated because of lack of attendance. We also have two new Alateen groups! The first is the *Northern Kentucky Alateen-Florence* group. The other is the *Southern Hills Alateen* group in Lexington.

In January, I will begin the recertification process for 2026. I will send an email to every certified AMIAS in our Area. AMIAS who were trained and certified in 2023 will need to go through training and paperwork again to be recertified. I will notify them of that need. AMIAS who were trained in 2024 and 2025 just need to confirm that their contact information is correct. It is important to reply to my email even if nothing has changed. I need a return email so that I can recertify an AMIAS in the WSO database.

For Alateen group recertification, the CMAs for the Alateen groups will be sent a letter from World Service requesting that group information be checked and confirmed or updated. I need to know that the meeting information is correct, and that the Sponsors of the group have been recertified before I can recertify the group.

I feel that it is important that all of us are aware of this process. DRs and GRs can help with encouraging the AMIAS in their groups and districts to respond to emails and letters about recertification. More than that, we can all support the Alateens, the groups, and the sponsors in our Area.

Alateen is not a separate entity from Al-Anon. Alateens are Al-Anons also. We are family. And, as the Alateen slogan says: Together We Can Make It!

Alateen – Lisa F.

Kentucky has 7 active Alateen meetings: District 2 *Helping Hands Alateen*; District 3 *Jeffersontown Alateen*; District 4 *Free to Be Me Alateen*; District 5 *Youth and Wisdom Alateen*; District 11 *Northern Kentucky Alateen*; District 11 *Northern Kentucky Alateen-Florence* and District 12 *Southern Hills Alateen*.

NOTE: *Better Together Alateen* in District 12 became inactive on Sept. 10, 2025.

Districts 9, 10, and 16 have expressed interest in starting an 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 challenged the District Representatives (DRs) to take an

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Alateen Inventory at their District meeting. If your District did this, I would love to hear what you learned – perhaps we may hear it in an upcoming report.

Since June Assembly, our Kentucky Area Alateens have participated in the following:

- **Louisville AA Host Committee Golf Scramble** Saturday, June 15 where Alateens served breakfast.
- **KOMIAC 60** – July 25, 26 and 27 at Dayton University in Dayton, OH – There were 13 in attendance from Kentucky: 6 Alateens and 7 Alateen Sponsors. One 12-passenger van was rented. There were about 90–95 registered, and of those, 50 were Alateen members. Indiana had 7 in attendance: 4 sponsors and 3 teens. Because of Indiana's limited participation, Kentucky was asked to help with KOMIAC in Indiana in 2026. Kentucky Alateens and sponsors unanimously said "YES!" Kentucky has participated in two planning meetings thus far, with the next one scheduled for Oct. 19, 2025.

Kentucky Alateens are stepping up to serve: Ezra is the Treasurer and Logan is the Co-Chair. This is a real blessing for this Alateen Coordinator. It's a great opportunity to learn and grow as I work on the KACK Bylaws and the KOMIAC Host Committee Guidelines. I love watching a young man named Vinny (the Chair) lead these meetings via Zoom, send out meeting invites, arrange a site visit, and send surveys to find the next best time to meet. The Theme has already been decided "Growing Together" and the T-shirt design is in the works. Alateen offers not only recovery, but great leadership training!!! Their annual election was held at KOMIAC: Ezra was elected for another year as the KY State Representative and Al was elected as the Alternate Representative.

- **Kentucky Area 60th Al-Anon Convention** in Florence, KY, Sept. 26–28 – Nikki B. was the Alateen speaker. There were four Alateens in attendance. Ezra, Zelda and Evie were readers. The charcuterie board raffle was a big success bringing in \$683.00 for Kentucky Area Alateen. A big Thank You to the Northern Kentucky Host Committee and Mary Ann R. for having a lovely, fun, and inviting Alateen room. I think we got two potential new Alateen members (from Bardstown, KY).

Upcoming events & updates include:

- Alateen Mini Convention to be hosted by J'town – no details yet available
- Alateen Awareness Month – please increase awareness in your District by completing the District/Group Alateen Inventory (emailed to all the DRs), use Alateen literature to chair a meeting, take donuts/pizza to your local Alateen meeting, ask an Alateen to speak at your meeting, or distribute the Public Outreach letter following this report. And don't forget *Each One, Reach One!!!*
- Upcoming AMIAS Training: Sat., Nov. 1, 2025 at 11 am – flyers were emailed to DRs on Oct. 1.
- KACK (Kentucky Area Convention KOMIAC) Bylaws – I have been working on the KACK Bylaws with Maureen C., Pauline W., Linda C., and Sherry H. We met 8-10 times since the June Assembly. We hope to have the KACK Bylaws ready for the attorney soon for finalization and incorporation; and at that time, the debt owed to the Kentucky Secretary of State will be paid. The KACK Bylaws contain only business-related sections/articles. I will be working on the KOMIAC Host Committee guidelines ongoingly as I participate in the Indiana KOMIAC planning.
- Other: I recently learned that not all states/areas allow their Area Alateen Process Person and their Alateen Coordinator to have a voice or a vote at AWSC/Area Assembly. Thank you Kentucky Area for supporting Alateen and letting the Alateen Coordinator and the AAPP have a voice and a vote at our AWSC.

Treasury Report for Kentucky Area Alateen

Balance June 2025	\$5,829.76
Balance October 2025	\$7,102.92

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

Treasury Report for KOMIAC

Balance June 2025	\$19,750.00
Balance October 2025	\$17,509.26

The KOMIAC Treasury provides transportation to KOMIAC and other KOMIAC expenses.

Lastly: *Each One, Reach One.*

And here's a letter to help you reach out to AA . . .

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*Dear Member of AA:

This letter serves as introduction from our Al-Anon/Alateen meeting to let you know that we can offer help to your family. You may be familiar with the name of Al-Anon, but perhaps not its purpose. Al-Anon Family Groups (AFG) is a support group for the family and friends of alcoholics; Alateen, a part of Al-Anon, is for the children of the family.

Many do not understand this disease, and we welcome the opportunity to help. Al-Anon/Alateen helps the family understand what you are going through as well as how to deal with their feelings. Many times, resentments and anger are present when the AA member attends many meetings and is not home. Also, the difficulties of maintaining sobriety are not apparent or are often misunderstood. Al-Anon encourages its members to offer understanding and support to the alcoholic.

The J'town Alateen Meeting meets on Mondays at 7pm at Jeffersontown Christian Church located at 10631 Taylorsville Road, Jeffersontown, KY 40299. There is also an AA and Al-Anon meeting at the same time and location. We invite you to pass this letter on to any and all family members or friends who have a child ages 8–20 years old who feel bothered by another person's drinking.

We thank you in your cooperation in helping carry the Al-Anon/Alateen message of hope and recovery. We extend our good wishes for continued peace and serenity in recovery for you as well.

Yours in fellowship,
Al-Anon/Alateen members

**This letter originated in 2008 as a Public Outreach (PO) tool and has been adapted for support of the above meeting.*

Archives – Judy M.

Hi Everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the presentation by Jennifer U and Suzanne M this morning! I thought it was fabulous! Area Archivists, from the US to Canada, Puerto Rico and other areas meet on Zoom four times a year for our quarterly meetings with Jennifer. We start with the Serenity Prayer in English, then in Spanish and in French. And we are all learning the archives together in the second year of our 3-year term.

There is so much more to archives than you would think, as brought up by Jennifer in her presentation this morning. She always has so much interesting information on the archives at our meetings.

Our co-founder, Lois W. said it best, "Look to the past to protect the future – Al-Anon's World Service Archives ... It is so important to keep Al-Anon alive and to keep past growth as well as future growth."

As Jennifer said, "There is so much more to Archives than you would think. "Some of these are how the Archives support fellowship, why Archives matter, and how history supports unity, growth and identity.

Our Area needs to maintain our Archives. We do it by collection, organization and preservative practices. I like how displays & storytelling inspire members about Archives. We can preserve our Archives by digitizing parts of it.

This is a big job, so it has been suggested to me for us to form a Work Group or a committee for our Area Archives, which is a great way to start! I have a notebook over at the Archives corner where you can write your name, phone number, and email address. If you are on Zoom, you can write in the chat with a capital A next to your name, phone # and email so I'll know you are interested in helping. And these would be Zoom meetings. Thank you everyone! I'm excited about preserving our Area's Archives!

Group Records – Ashley B.

There are a total of 96 in attendance at today's Area Assembly: 40 people in person, and 56 on Zoom.

The KY Area currently has 148 in-person and 20 electronic Groups. I have left a few hard copies of Group Change requests on the table in the room, and our website has a link to copies as well. 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, i.e., I do not make assumptions that the CMA and GR are the same person, unless indicated. You can email these changes to me at grouprecords@kyaal-anon.org.

Remember as well that your Group's 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.

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Literature/Forum – Amy P.

As your Area Literature/Forum Coordinator, my responsibility is to help convey 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 submit their sharings.

The Forum Update: The Kentucky Area has seen a slight increase in subscriptions, with a total of 285. You can purchase a monthly electronic copy of *The Forum* 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. Please note that electronic Forum subscriptions are not included in *The Forum* Sales Report.

The World Service Office (WSO) has an urgent need for sharings for upcoming CAL Corner titles. CAL Corner sharings should focus on how a particular piece of literature, or a portion of it, has helped you in your recovery. The emphasis should be on what this piece has meant to you rather than an overview of the piece itself. Please refer to the CAL Corner pages in recent issues of *The Forum* for example. Sharings can range from ±200 to 400 words.

New CAL Sharings: The WSO is seeking more contributions to support the creation of new CAL. They are particularly interested in literature 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. To facilitate this learning, please share your experience of using Al-Anon principles to develop a healthier relationship with finances.

Additionally, WSO is seeking member sharings on sponsorship and service sponsorship. Writing guidelines are available at [Al-Anon.org/Sharing](https://www.al-anon.org/Sharing).

Did You Know? There are 23 CAL pieces available as free downloads on the [Al-Anon.org](https://www.al-anon.org) website. These can be found under the Members Page > Members Resources > Literature. One of the items is a new WSO order form available online (S-16). While purchasing from your local LDC/AIS is preferred, you can use this updated order form to see the newest pricing and products available.

Copyright Notice: 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 listed with links 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 head back home.

Kentucky School Counselors Conference was held September 10–12, 2025, at the Griffin Gate Marriott Hotel in Lexington, KY. We had volunteers for all three days of the Conference.

Kentucky Association of Addiction Professionals was held September 10–12 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, KY. Al-Anon had volunteers to cover this event.

We had a table at the Jessamine County fair July 11 & 12 in Nicholasville, KY.

I want to propose a Digital Campaign using DBS Interactive for this late fall and possibly early spring. I am asking for \$2,500.00 for this Campaign.

Technology – Cara J.

No Report; Linda stated Cara will start this role in January, and thanked today’s Tech team with the transition.

Website – Bonnie W.

Bonnie read the following as she shared a video of the [Area Website](https://www.al-anon.org): Welcome to our newly improved + updated website: [kyal-anon.org](https://www.kyal-anon.org). Many of you may remember that Area Assembly voted to spend funds on updating the WordPress theme so that our website could have an up-to-date look and a much easier editing system.

This is our new homepage. The cardinal is gone, but I have hidden it in the website if you want to look for it. The first thing you encounter on our new homepage is two buttons, one that takes you to a meeting finder. The other button invites our visitors to learn more about Al-Anon.

The most visited pages on our website are the Find a Meeting page and the Members Share Experience Strength and Hope page. So our homepage includes a link for finding a meeting, and a link to the Members Share page. Each

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month WSO gives permission to reprint three of the articles in *The Forum*, and these are made available on our Area Website every month.

Don't forget to visit our Events page, and don't forget to submit any group or district events that you would like to share with members throughout our Area. Thank you for registering through our website for the 2025 Convention. There will be a new registration page for the 2026 Convention coming up soon, so visit the Events page often.

You may have used this link today, if you went under the Members section, to Area Assembly. Here you can find all the documents that will be used during the Assembly, as well as the Motions that will be voted on.

Also, under the Members tab, you can find guidelines and procedures and tips for group representatives.

Under the Resources tab, don't miss *Inside Al-Anon*. It looks really great after our website update. *Inside Al-Anon* is updated monthly. It includes materials that are provided to us by WSO. If you missed your *In The Loop* email, all of that information will be found on this page, plus more. There are also links to *The Forum's* three articles that are eligible to be reprinted every month, so you can find them here as well. Don't forget that under Resources, you can also access the *Service Manual*, the Steps, Traditions and Concepts.

I hope you enjoy our new website. Please let me know if you have additions or suggestions for content. You can contact me via email at website@kval-anon.org.

Other Reports:

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

It is with the Gift of Gratitude that I report on the 2025 Kentucky Area 60th Al-Anon Convention.

On behalf of the Host committee, we would like to thank the KY Area for the numerous monetary donations, gift baskets, food, homemade quilt, sports memorabilia, support and love that we have received while serving at the convention. I personally want to thank the Host Committee for the endless hours of service work, their creativity, leadership and attention to detail. It takes a village coming together in serenity and commitment to serve. Thank you also to all the volunteers from District 11 for working before, during and after the convention.

This was District 11's first time hosting the convention at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport in Florence, KY. The staff was very hospitable and the venue was spacious and bright.

We had about 300 registrations (that included 100 walk-ins). Nine states were represented, our surrounding states OH, IN, TN, IL and those that traveled from MI, TN, NC, TX and UT and of course KY. We received 59 baskets that brought in approximately \$3,000. We received about \$650 in donations, \$1,500 for the quilt raffle, \$700 for the T-shirts and almost \$700 for "split the pot." More detail to follow when the wrap-up reports are prepared and distributed.

Our wrap-up meeting is next Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 and I will email reports shortly afterwards.

Lexington AIS – David W.

The Lexington AIS Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of even numbered months. Our last meeting was August 11, and our next meeting is October 13. These meetings are both in person and via Zoom. The Greater Lexington AIS Board (GLAIS) meets on the 2nd Monday of odd-numbered months. Our last meeting was September 8, and our next meeting is November 10. These meetings are in-person only.

The AIS Committee is made up of the Alt. GRs, Chairperson, an 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 (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.

Louisville Information Service Committee (ISC) – Rebecca B.

I'm Rebecca B (new to this role) and our Information Service Committee meets every other month, both in person and on Zoom. Our next hybrid committee meeting is Oct 14 at 7pm. This quarter, we've distributed CAL to all the Louisville Metro Police precincts so they could provide it to those in need or those inquiring for Al-Anon services. We host Eat n' Speaks to benefit our Louisville AIS office, and our last Eat n' Speak raised \$1,950. Plus, we've been present at AA Host Committee fundraising events where there are AA + Al-Anon speakers – Alateens sold desserts. Plus other AA events we'll support in 2026.

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Drawings for Literature

Andrea – *A Little Time for Myself*
Maureen C – *The Forum* Subscription
Marcia B – *Courage to Me*
Maureen C – *From Survival to Recovery*
Robbie H – *Healing Within Our Alcoholic Relationships*
Renee E (on Zoom) – *The Forum* Subscription

District Reports – counties on map displayed on screen

District 1 (Mary T.)

District 1 is a portion of Louisville/Jefferson County including downtown, west of 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 their Alt GRs and Treasurers, too. A group of women who live in our District are working on starting a meeting in the West End of our District. Historically, there have been some meetings held there but there is no current meeting in the West End and it has been a longstanding goal to have a meeting available there.

Our most recent District meeting was held at the AIS office with a Zoom option. Our District meetings have been generally well attended. We continue to learn about the Concepts using the pamphlet, *The Concepts, Al-Anon's Best Kept Secret*. This has allowed the concepts to come to life for us. We have also discussed the Traditions, recently using Tradition 3 in discussing the need to rent space for the Alathon, so as not to suggest an affiliation with the church where the Alathon will be held.

The last District meeting was attended by Henrietta, who is interested in forming a West End meeting and members in attendance, including one who had been instrumental in starting the *Slogans AFG* meeting, gave her some guidance and resources to do so. More will be revealed about a West End meeting.

District 1 will once again be hosting the Alathon on Thanksgiving (Thursday, Nov. 27) and the day after (Friday, Nov. 28) with meetings at 9, 10, 11 and noon each day. The Thanksgiving Day meetings will be on Zoom *only*, and the Friday meetings will be held *in person* at Immanuel Church of Christ on Taylorsville Rd. A flyer should be available soon. We welcome participation from anyone in the Area and the Zoom meetings should make this readily available.

Mystee P. is working with other volunteers on planning a workshop. The topic will be *A Little Time For Myself* and the tentative date will be in March 2026. As part of this workshop, Mystee has prepared a flyer requesting original artwork that will be compiled into a journal/adult coloring book to be handed out at the workshop. If you are interested in sharing your artwork in this way, please take a flyer or contact Mystee P. and she can send you a PDF via email. Her contact info is in the flyer.

Our next District meeting will be in person at the AIS office, with a hybrid option, and will be held on Monday, Oct. 20 at 7pm. Thanks to our AIS Office Mgr. Cathy F. for helping with access to the AIS office and helping set up our hybrid meetings! I would like to thank the GRs in our District for their service.

District 2 (Mike M.)

District 2 has 12 active in person meetings, 1 active Alateen meeting, and 1 electronic meeting, serving the southern Indiana area. We had our District Picnic on September 6, 2025, at Sam Peden Community Park. The picnic was well attended with approximately 50 people there for food, fellowship and three awesome speakers! Thank you to all who helped set up and to all of you who showed up and brought food. You made this year's picnic awesome!

We had our last District meeting on September 10, 2025. The meeting was hybrid and well attended. Seven of our 13 active meetings were represented. We discussed having our Post Holiday Celebration again this year. We agreed to have it again at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Carriage House. A date and flyer will be out soon.

I want to recognize the members of our District who attended in person and on Zoom today. Thank you for your service. I also would 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 currently on Zoom in odd-numbered 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 the 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

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Al-Anon as a whole; to compile and maintain an accurate listing of all group meetings in the District and to encourage full participation of each group at the District and Area Assembly meetings. In District 3 we have 18 in-person and 4 electronic meetings.

At our July and September meetings we discussed opportunities of Public Outreach at county fairs. We discussed several options but there was not an interest in doing a county fair.

The second topic was election of a Dist. 3 AIS Board member:

- District 3 has an AIS Board vacancy effective immediately. Joanie's term will expire at the end of this year. Board positions are for three years, typically filled with those currently or historically serving as Group Representative (GR).
- Board members attend the respective District meeting and relay information to the District from the AIS Board and can take concerns from the District to the Board.
- Barbara A was elected to serve on the AIS board.

The third topic was Area Assembly motions. The current Motions GRs will be voting on are regarding election procedures and large donations. We discussed the documents that are on the Area Assembly website. Most of the documents submitted for election procedures were approved. The remainder were deferred until October 2025.

The fourth topic was the Area Assembly in October. We discussed the location and all of the information on the KY Area website.

The last topic is a District group project. We have had special speakers attend the District 3 meeting and Denise suggested doing a writing project for *The Forum*.

District 4 (Benita D.)

Welcome to all the GRs from District 4! I cannot believe we are finishing our second year of service. Our district has been busy planning a workshop for Oct 18, 12:30–2:30pm with a topic of “Working Al-Anon’s Twelve Steps in 15 minutes.” A flyer is available on the table for details. Please take a picture of it if you are interested or know someone who might be. We are also hosting the Louisville AIS office fundraiser Eat ‘n Speak on New Year’s Eve at J-town Christian Church, other details are still being worked out.

District 4 has added a group: *The Lunch Bunch, Meeting Makers Make It* on Thursdays at 12pm at the Token Club.

In District 4 we are working on Group Inventories in each group and I continue to work on getting to each group for a visit. I have been very happy visiting groups and meeting new people. District 4 is the hosting district for Area Assembly this weekend and Lisa F graciously volunteered to get the setup accomplished for us.

District 5 (Celia G.)

Welcome GRs from District 5 with us in person and on Zoom. Thank you District 4 for hosting this Assembly. Thank you, Pauline and Linda, for your preparation to make today’s Assembly a success. And thank you to our guests from the World Service Office. We feel the love and support of Service that has been shared throughout.

District 5 covers the Southwest corner of Jefferson County and has 8 Al-Anon meetings, one of which is hybrid, and one Alateen meeting.

We had our hybrid District meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 2, and it was well attended. All six of our seven groups with a GR were represented either on Zoom or in person.

Our District recapped our Workshop on the 3-C’s on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 1–3 pm. We were delighted to host 68 people at the workshop, and I want to thank the GRs for their help in planning and putting on the workshop, Darcy and Jackie who chaired the event, Kim K. who found our speakers, our speakers and all the groups who support the District and made the workshop possible.

Two announcements for our District, we have two groups that have changed locations since our last Assembly, the *31W AFG* which meets on Monday nights at 8pm and *Together We Can Make It AFG* which meets on Tuesday mornings at 11. Thank you to Cathy, our Louisville AIS Office manager and Ashley, our Alternate Delegate for getting the word out and our meeting information updated.

We meet on the first Tuesday of odd months. At our next District meeting, we will be planning for our District Holiday Party.

District 6 (Open)

No Report

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District 7 (Dawn A.)
No Report

District 8 (Open)
No Report

District 9 (Mary C.)
Welcome to all Group Reps. I am Mary C, taking the reins from Pat B who is sorely missed. I am ably assisted today by Amy V. (our Alt DR) and being mothered/mentored by Mary Etta M and Barbara M.

Our District has 8 groups and we have recently updated our meeting list due to a new DR, Alt. DR, GRs and Alt. GRs. Some groups are growing while others maintain a steady membership. Groups have distributed the *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* booklets. Our District contributed 2 baskets for the 2025 Al-Anon Convention Raffle. Groups are involved in projects such as: monthly step studies, and for Public Outreach, we have distributed Al-Anon literature to the KY State Police and various places in Hardin County, book studies such as *Reaching for Freedom*, *Discovering Choices* and a movie night featuring "Lois's Story." Groups have also celebrated membership birthdays with luncheons and potluck dinners. Our next District meeting is Nov. 8 in Elizabethtown with a holiday gratitude potluck luncheon.

District 10 (Karen G.)
I want to acknowledge the people from District 10 participating in this Area Assembly. We have 14 meetings per week in our District, 13 in person and 1 on Zoom. We have more than one meeting in our District that is struggling to maintain regular meetings due to a lack of attendance.

Our yearlong Public Outreach project finished up; District 10 distributed more than 1,565 posters and pieces of literature during the last year!

During our last District meeting we discussed Alateen inventories. GRs shared some ways they supported Alateen without having a meeting connected to their group. GRs were asked to conduct an Alateen Inventory or have an Alateen-related discussion with their groups and report back at the next District mtg.

District 11 (Ronda B.)
No real report. Ronda thanked Patty M for a great Al-Anon Convention. And Dist. 11 has a new Alateen mtg, which is awesome.

District 12 (Becky H)
District 12 meetings are held at 2pm on the 2nd Sunday of every month, both in-person and via Zoom. Our last meeting was Sept. 14, 2025. Our next meeting is Oct. 12. We had 12 in attendance for the August meeting and 12 in attendance for the September meeting.

District 12 has 31 active groups registered with WSO. Of those meetings, one is a phone conference call only, 11 are hybrid and 3 are Zoom only. The rest are in person only. We have 2 Alateen meetings. Five groups are currently without a Group Representative. There are no open positions at the District level.

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 Sept–Oct. and is *Alateen – a Day at a Time*.

There were 2 Lexington outreach projects in September. One was the KY School Counselors Conference, and the other was the Kentucky Association of Addiction Professionals. Members of the District gave away Al-Anon and Alateen literature and answered questions at these well-attended events..

The new Alateen meeting in Lexington began on Wednesday night, Aug. 20, at 7:30 pm at the So. Hills United Methodist Church.

The groups are continuing to conduct group inventories and reporting their key takeaways at the District meetings.

District 13, District 14, District 15 (No Reports)

District 16 (Kay F.)
I'm Kay P., District 16 Representative. Our District is in the southeast corner of the state. Currently, we have meetings in Barbourville, two in London, and two in Corbin. We have a new electronic meeting from Harlan.

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The Corbin Tuesday Night group had 2 members of AA come and speak during September.

We are attempting to start an Alateen meeting in Williamsburg. Several members are planning on getting AMIAS certified as soon as Training gets scheduled.

Linda C reminded everyone of Evaluations, and next Assembly. Any Questions?

Plus: A late-arriving Report . . .

Alateen State Rep – Ezra

Hello, my name is Ezra, I'm the KY State Alateen Representative. It was voted at KOMIAC that Kentucky and Indiana would work together for the 2026 KOMIAC to be held in Indiana at Merom Camp and Retreat Center. Vinnie from Indiana will be the Chairperson and Logan from Kentucky will be the Vice Chair. I will be the Treasurer, and the Secretary has not yet been confirmed. We are having monthly meetings via Zoom and things are moving along.

October is Alateen Awareness Month – and in District 2 we have four meetings that have requested Alateen speakers. Meeting attendance has picked up more over the last few months and we are hoping that it will continue to increase now that school has started! Each One, Reach One.

Ask-It Basket? Additional Comments?

Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer and Al-Anon Declaration

Next Area Assembly - HYBRID: Saturday, March 7, 2025, 9am 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 kyal-anon.org, > Members tab, > PW: afg

Hosting Districts: **March** 2026 = District 10 **June** 2026 = District 1

Literature AWSC/Assembly: **Mar** 2026 = So. Central LDC, D10 **Jun** 2026 = Northern KY LDC, D11

Respectfully submitted,

Claire H

KY Area Secretary, 2024-26

Attachments

Final/approved documents voted on at October Area Assembly:

- Timing of Elections for the KY Area Link of Service Group, District, Area Information Service Committee/AIS
- Area Process for Accepting Large Donations

**Timing of Elections for the KY Area Links of Service Group, District,
Area, Information Service Committee/AIS**

Groups - June/July – choose and announce a date on the group calendar. (This includes Group Representative [GR], Alternate GR, Treasurer and Secretary, as determined by the Group)

Districts – August/September – choose and announce a date for district elections at district meeting. (This would include District Representative [DR], Alternate DR, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Outreach, Alateen, etc., as determined by the district)

Area – October Area Assembly – election of Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chairperson, Area Treasurer and Area Secretary.

*Please see the KY Area Election Procedures on the KY Area website (KyAI-Anon.org)

It is recommended that both incoming and outgoing GRs and incoming and outgoing DRs attend the October Area Assembly for elections.

Information Service Committee (ISC) (Louisville) – choose and announce a date for elections in **October**, after October Area Assembly. Incoming and Outgoing Alternate DRs for Districts 1 – 5 are eligible for ISC Chair and Secretary. The ISC Chair is a member of the Area World Service Committee (AWSC).

The **ISC** is comprised of Alternate GRs and Alternate DR's from Districts 1 – 5. Members of this body are eligible to stand for Chair and Secretary. The AI-Anon Liaison to AA, (the Louisville Falls City Convention and the Annual AA State Convention, when held in Louisville), Alateen Liaison, Institutions Chairperson, Outside Speaker Chair and Public Outreach Chair, are appointed by the Chairperson.

AI-Anon Information Service (AIS) (Lexington) Committee meets on the second Monday of October at 4:30 pm. The meeting meets by Hybrid. The election is attended by the Incoming and Outgoing Alternate GR's and DR's, the Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Website/Schedule Coordinator, Literature Coordinator, Office Volunteer Coordinator, and the Twelve Step Call Coordinator. All voting is done by the Outgoing AIS Committee. The AIS Chair is a member of the Area World Service Committee (AWSC).

Note: Each term for all offices in the KY Area coincides with the 3-year term of the Delegate beginning January 1 ending December 31st on the third year.

Election Procedures Task Force Approved February 13, 2025.

Approved Area World Service Committee June 6, 2025

Approved Area Assembly October 4, 2025.

The following motion passed at the March 2025 AWSC and is on the October Area Assembly agenda for discussion:

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

The Task Force committee would like to provide some context regarding the motion brought forward by the AWSC in March, which is scheduled for discussion at the upcoming Area meeting in October: — At the Jan. 13, 2024, AWSC meeting, a concern was raised about a \$15,000 individual donation to KOMIAC. The AWSC was asked to consider how to address similar scenarios going forward. After thorough discussion, the committee agreed to form a Thought Force to explore the matter further. The Thought Force/Task Force came together and returned with the following recommendations based on our Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual:

1. Add to the Ky Area Treasurer Procedure:

Individual Contributions to the Area

- **An Al-Anon member may contribute annually any amount up to one percent of the Actual Total Income of the previous fiscal year as it appears in the current Ky Area Budget Document.**
- **No individual contribution is acknowledged publicly.**
- **No individual contribution can be earmarked for any specific purpose or program.**
- **If an individual contribution does not adhere to these guidelines the check will be returned by the Ky Area Treasurer**

2. Update the KY AREA ALATEEN COORDINATORS JOB DESCRIPTION

- Change verbiage from “Maintains the Kentucky Area Alateen Treasury Account per page 8 in Kentucky Area Alateen Requirements.” to **“Maintains the Kentucky Area Alateen Treasury Account following the Ky Area Treasurer’s guidelines on Individual Contributions.”**

The following references from our Conference Approved Literature were reviewed in relation to large donations:

- **Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual**, pages 103–105: Sections on *Contributions to the WSO*, *Direct Contributions*, and *Bequests*
- **Paths to Recovery**, page 196 (Tradition 7): *“Even within Al-Anon, no one is allowed to contribute great sums. When any single person or a small group of people contribute too much, problems of jealousy and dominance are likely to arise. Our spiritual fellowship is based on equality and, though we may not all contribute exactly the same amount, by spreading responsibility widely, we assure ourselves of the mutuality of our self-help.”*

Motion passed AWSC: March 7, 2025

Motion passed KY Area Assembly: October 4, 2025