ELECTRONIC ALATEEN FAQ

Terms:

AMIAS = Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service

AMIAS – E = Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service – Electronic

ASBR = Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements

Q1) Is Electronic Alateen separate from Alateen?
A1) No, Electronic Alateen is not separate from Alateen and is built on the same foundation that already supports Alateen service today. It includes the same commitment to Alateen safety, links of service, and Area responsibility.
Q2) What is 'an electronic Alateen meeting'?
A2) Instead of meeting in a physical location, members meet in an electronic space (like Zoom or Webex). And because the environment changes, some additional protections are needed.
Q3) Do we have electronic Alateen meetings in Kentucky?
A3) No, we currently do not have electronic (or hybrid) Alateen meetings in Kentucky.
Q4) What is the difference between AMIAS and AMIAS-E?
A4) In addition to completing the KY Area AMIAS certification, an AMIAS-E gets a background check every two years, is a mandated reporter and attends annual AMIAS and AMIAS-E training and recertification. (In Kentucky, AMIAS get background checks every three years and are already mandated reporters.)
Q5) Do we *have* to offer electronic Alateen meetings in KY per the World Service Conference approved motion?
A5) No, we do not have to offer electronic Alateen meetings. Teens can attend any electronic Alateen meeting in the U.S., Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico. Not participating inhibits Sponsors from helping other groups throughout the U.S., Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico.
Q6) Are there electronic Alateen meetings available for Alateens now?
A6) Yes, there are electronic Alateen meetings available. They can be found on the Al-Anon app.
Q7) Will our current ASBRs cover Alateen-E?
A7) Mostly. 1)An Alateen-E sponsor has to complete the normal AMIAS requirements of the state they live in. So, a part of Kentucky Alateen - E certification will be to complete the KY ASBR requirements. 2)The Alateen – E sponsor needs to pass a background check that verifies they have not been convicted of a felony or charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior. 3)The Alateen-E Sponsor is required to be a mandated reporter. Our current KY Alateen sponsors are already mandated reporters.
Q9) Can an Electronic Alateen meeting also be a hybrid meeting?
A9) Yes it can. It will need to have both AMIAS and AMIAS-E support.