

Delegate's Report

September 8, 2023

Welcome!

I hope everyone had a great summer.

I want to review the Trademark and copyrights of Al-Anon with you. I know I went over this at the Assembly but wanted to remind everyone of our responsibilities as guardians of traditions.

Copyright – exclusive legal right to print or publish. Al-Anon is the ONLY one with legal right to produce CAL; this “protects the collective wisdom of Al-Anon members” Only WSO can use it or permit others to use it or print or publish any material. Group Registration forms now include permission to use CAL in your meetings. Can you print it and distribute it among group members? Yes, for that meeting only, but not outside the meeting, material distributed should be collected at the end of the meeting and destroyed. Example, questions in the book Paths to Recovery, you can photocopy the questions, To protect the copyrights of the material it is suggested that you do not type the questions due to the potential for typographic errors.

When you are utilizing the Trademark there are certain things you need to remember when creating flier and or poster.

Trademark – our name and logos: Al-Anon and Alateen.

Common violations of Al-Anon/Alateen Trademark.

Reproducing and selling conference approved literature

Use of logo or name on unauthorized event or social media

Modifying the logo. Try not to be creative by changing the color and/or linking the triangles together.

Websites post Al-Anon readings along with other recovery readings.

Tik-Tok videos of reading CAL

Who has permission to use Trademark/Logo?

Service arm events and flyers

Registered service arm website and social media

Al-Anon Guidelines

Can request reprint permission from WSO.

Can photocopy or show CAL for a meeting, collected, and destroyed.

Read more about it – pgs. 116, 117, 127, 128 in Service Manual

Attached are the guidelines for creating fliers, please distribute amongst your members and review the process. Please follow the links of service. Please submit all fliers to your DR for review. Next step, the DR submits the flier to the Area Secretary for final review and distribution to Districts as well as the Webmaster.

POLICY ON ANNOUNCING EVENTS

At the World Conference Summary, a motion was presented to us for review, question, and approval, the motion read as follows: To amend the text of the “Conventions and Other Events”: “Workshops” and “Conventions and Other Events”: “Announcing Events” portions of the “Policy Digest, “which appear on page 90-92 respectively of 2022-2025

A.A. Events with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) may invite Al-Anon/Alateen to participate in conventions or conferences at the Area or local level. It is within the autonomy of the Area/local service arm to participate or not? (See the guideline Al-Anon/Alateen Participation in an Area A.A. Convention [G-7].) An A.A. event must have Al-Anon participation to have Alateen participation.

Al-Anon/Alateen Events with A.A. Participation Al-Anon service arms may invite A.A. to participate in an Al-Anon hosted event. (See the guideline Cooperation between Al-Anon and A.A. [G-3].) Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/P27) v2 as presented.

The rewrite clarifies the kind of AA Events announced at Al-Anon/Alateen meetings. The motion passed at the Conference by the Delegates as well as the Board.

Takeaway: When announcing events, make sure they are the participating events are the five participating events of the Connecticut Al-Anon/Alateen Area.

➤ Service Manual pg. 90-92

- Events hosted by or connected to WSO, Area, District, Al-Anon Information Service
- A.A Events in Connecticut -When Al-Anon participates through one of its service arms or registered group in an A.A. event with speakers or workshops, these events may be announced at meetings.

The five events in Connecticut are; Connecticut AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation, AA Round-Up, CSYPAA(Conn State Young People in AA), Rompiendo Fronteras, and Soberfest all of these events have Al-Anon/Alateen participation.

Takeaway: When announcing Events please be sure they are with Connecticut's Al-Anon/Alateen Area service arm.

News from WSO

2023 Contributions exceeded our budget expectation by 8%

Literature sales were down by 1% last month.

The quarterly appeal letter has been mailed from WSO, please check with your treasurer's or CMA's.

2023 Meet the Board Road Trip hosted by California South on 10/28/23 -not available.

A new toolkit for Public Outreach on the WSO website. Have you seen it yet?

The International Convention held in Albuquerque Highlights

In person registrations- 3,387 (42 Alateens and 293 A.A., 7 Professionals, and 54 guests)

Virtual registration 741

Setting a record of 4,517 registrants

Election of a New Global Electronic Area Delegate- Burt P, Panel 62 from California

Feedback regarding the membership survey of 2018

WSO – a guest speaker presented her dissertation based on the 2018 Membership survey. The topic titled, “Does it Work If You Work It? The Therapeutic Elements of Al-Anon Participation.”

The research relied on data from the 2018 membership survey. The individual focused on what professionals would need to know about Al-Anon Family groups. The research on longevity and a key component of better mental health

Model of Effective Al-Anon Participation

1. Attending Meetings
2. Spiritually Motivated
3. Working with a Sponsor
4. Engaging in Service
5. Service as a Sponsor/Service Sponsor

The Conference Summary availability, the end of August

So, what have I been doing over the summer months?

1, Working on a Task Force with 5 other Delegates from various states.

2. Attending WSO online meetings as required.

3. Meeting with 6 Al-Anon groups from District 10 to resolve the absence/presence of a District Representative.

Gratitude in service,

Elaine M, Delegate

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Service is the Key