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CT AFG Assembly
CT Area Alateen Coordinator Report
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Good afternoon

I am your CT Alateen Coordinator:

This past year has had its challenges for Alateen. Meeting attendance has been down, which was the case in 2020 and continues to be so. Most of our long time Alateens are tired of being online for meetings and have stepped back from Alateen meetings.

I so appreciate Al-Anon anniversaries contacting Alateen for speakers. We have struggled with providing speakers for you. We are trying and cannot always provide a speaker. We have an AMIAS helping as a speaker seeker but it is finding the speakers which is difficult. I get excited when we are able to line up a speaker.

We have had other states reach out for speakers. This has also been challenging. The links of service are for the Alateen coordinators from both states to communicate. We need to adhere to the policies and procedures of the other state and the same for another states Alateen speaker and AMIAS need to adhere to ours.

Now that the state is opening up, at our AMIAS training which took place all day on zoom we discussed how Alateen will proceed in meeting in person again. There are many factors to consider. Are the parents/guardians willing for their teen to go to a meeting, are the Alateens willing to go to a meeting, and are the sponsors willing to go to a meeting? Can we use the venue where we were meeting prior to going online and what are their requirements for us using the facility? How do we monitor social distancing with the teens when they are so excited to see their friends again? Do we try hybrid meetings? There is so much more to consider and there is quite a lot of coordinating which needs to take place.

At our training I added information we needed to consider. Tradition four: "Each group is autonomous, except in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or AA as a whole." This is important to consider and we are working together to find the best solution for each group.

Respectfully submitted

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