

**Delegates Report—Renelle M.
Assembly September 2018**

Policy Committee Recommendation

Background: In January 2017 the Area Assembly passed a motion which approved the recommendation made by the PAST DELEGATE/PAST TRUSTEE *SERVICE UTILIZATION TASK FORCE*. In that report the TF referred an issue that was outside of their scope to the Policy Committee. The issue was to consider service options or reimbursement of expenses for immediate past Area Chairs who are not also Past Delegates.

The Policy Committee recommends:

- For a trial period to run concurrently with the remainder of the trial period approved in Motion # 6 at the January 2017 Area Assembly which was a 3-year trial to begin in May 2017. The immediate Georgia Past Area Chair whose expenses are not covered by any other service arm or service position, be reimbursed for the first year of the next panel up to \$100.00 per assembly/\$300 per year.

Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect.

Bids for the Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect event were due to WSO by September 14th. Due to the deadline of September 14th for submitting the bid, AWSC members were asked at the August AWSC meeting if Georgia wanted to submit the bid and would members be willing to support it. AWSC members passed a motion for Georgia to submit the bid and support the event. The bid has been submitted and WSO has confirmed they received it. We will be notified sometime in January if we will be hosting this event.

WSO is looking for someone with five years continuous Al-Anon membership with webmaster expertise to fill our "Webmaster" position at the World Service Office in Virginia Beach. This position is part of the Digital Strategy Team and an integral part of our Public Outreach efforts. We strongly believe we will get the best candidates from the efforts of members like you who know a fellow member, if not yourself, who has the expertise for this position. Please get the word out!

Please click on this link to see the job description al-anon.org/pdf/webmaster.pdf.

At-Large Committee Resume Deadline Extended - Résumés are now due to the World Service Office (WSO) by January 1st. This deadline will allow adequate time for the process of review, recommendation and approval of the candidate to be finalized in April, so they can begin their assignment in May. As a reminder, At-Large members can live anywhere in the World Service Conference Structure: United States and Canada.

Selected Committees require one-year time commitments which run from May to April each year. The number of positions available annually is as follows:

- 5 At-Large members, Forum Editorial Advisory Committee
- 5 At-Large members, Literature Committee
- 5 At-Large members, Public Outreach Committee

- 2 At-Large members, Audit Committee

Conference Summary -The electronic version of the *2018 Conference Summary* is available in the Members section of the website. Printed copies are now available.

“Do Not Refer” “Re-Refer”

The WSO sent out information about a “Do Not Refer” “Re-Refer” policy to Conference members via AFG Connects and will also send out this information to all members via “In the Loop”. This is something our Area will want to review and consider in the near future. The information reads as follows:

Our Al-Anon groups are spiritual entities, yet we find we are not immune to the same difficulties that affect the world around us. Over the past several years, our fellowship has reported an increase within their groups of the same behaviors demonstrated outside our meeting rooms; stalking, bullying, financial coercion and presentation of outside issues. Recent correspondence from members, conversations between the Executive Director and members of the fellowship, discussions at the 2018 WSC and increases in member use of the WSO online meeting search led to a robust discussion amongst Conference Staff and, subsequently, the Board of Trustees during our July meeting. The conversation centered around the potential legal and financial risk to Al-Anon Family Groups stemming from potentially dangerous and harmful situations.

Following a three-hour deliberation, which included review of past Conference materials, submissions from members presenting their concerns and considerations, and review of those Areas that currently have "Do Not Refer" policies in place that appear to be fair and balanced, the Board of Trustees made, seconded and carried the following:

- *MOTION:*

that the Board of Trustees directs the World Service Office to send a statement alerting all registered groups on the importance of discussing and creating safety guidelines.

- *MOTION:*

that the Board of Trustees direct the WSO Staff to utilize the Policy Committee criteria presented at the 2012 World Service Conference to ensure that an Area has established a fair and balanced "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policy. These criteria allow the WSO to support Area "Do Not Refer" group conscience decisions and remove group meetings from the WSO meeting list. Groups not being referred by the WSO remain active and registered.

"Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies that Areas have put in place will be reviewed by the WSO to ensure they are within the spirit of being fair and balanced, as framed by the Policy Committee in the 2012 WSC discussion. If it is determined that these policies satisfy the spirit of that guidance, groups that are not being displayed on Areas' meeting lists will no longer be displayed on the WSO meeting search or given out on the toll-free meeting line. It is important

to note that groups not being referred by the WSO remain active and registered. Areas determining the need to establish "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies must submit their policies to the WSO for review.

It is the hope of the Board of Trustees that the actions taken during our July meeting will encourage the growth of new groups and the continued strength and diversity of our current meetings. The decisions of Board of Trustees were made with the utmost of care, consideration of all factors and information and ultimately, with the guidance of our collective Higher Power.

In gratitude,
Debbie G.
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters Inc.

2018 Membership Survey Report

The 2018 Membership Survey responses from a record-breaking 13,395 Al-Anon members have been tallied. The final report has been posted on the WSO website, al-anon.org/survey results.

It has been an honor and privilege serve Georgia Al-Anon for the past 3 years. I enjoyed the opportunity to listen to you and carry your voice to our WSC. It is an experience I will always cherish. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service to you and to Al-Anon.