

## Policy Committee Update

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The purpose of the update sent each quarter by the Chairperson of the Policy Committee is to report progress and provide information on the following:

- Topics that are generated by the fellowship and discussed by the Policy Committee, issues or concerns that need clarification or interpretation in light of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service
- Policy motions to be presented to the World Service Conference (WSC)
- Policy motions passed by the WSC

During the January 2018 Policy Committee meeting, we began discussing revisions to the “Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies.” We are beginning with the sections titled “Membership and Group Meetings/Conventions” and “Alateen Policy.”

We heard a report from the Electronic/Virtual Meetings Work Group who will be leading a discussion at the WSC about Electronic/Virtual meetings.

Our discussion about revising the Alateen Preamble led to the decision that the WSO Staff will draft the Alateen Preamble and present it to the Policy Committee.

The Open Policy Committee meeting at the 2018 WSC will address two topics important to Al-Anon’s future: meditation meetings and Policy Committee Interim Action procedures.

Policy statements are interpretations of our basic guides, the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts. They help clarify how a Tradition or Concept might apply to a new or confusing situation that arises in Al-Anon or Alateen. Changes and additions to the Policy Digest are made only as circumstances and our growth requires, since anticipating and including every specific situation would be impossible. As always, the Policy Committee welcomes all questions and suggestions from any Al-Anon and Alateen member, group, or Area regarding issues that might need further clarification or interpretation in light of our Legacies.

