

Policy Committee Update

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Policy statements are interpretations of our basic guides, the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. 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 our circumstances and growth require, since anticipating and including every specific situation would be impossible.

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

- Topics that are generated by the fellowship and discussed by the Policy Committee regarding issues or concerns that need clarification or interpretation in light of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service
- Progress of work being completed by Policy Committee work groups, task and thought forces
- Policy motions to be presented at the World Service Conference (WSC)
- Policy motions passed by the WSC

The Policy Committee met virtually on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, for four hours. The following topics were presented and discussed:

The Public Outreach Policy in Relation to Social Media Task Force members continued their discussion from October 2021 on the policy of creating and sharing blogs, profiles, and social media pages. They assisted the Policy Committee in discussing the different roles of the WSO, service arms, groups, and individuals when it comes to public outreach in social media. After lengthy discussion, the Policy Committee approved their recommendations to this section of the Policy Digest. They are excited to bring their work to the 2022 WSC for review and discussion!

The Announcing Events Policy Task Force brought forward a discussion around whether additional revisions are required to either the "Announcing Events" or the "Workshops" portions of the Policy Digest to reflect the intention to support groups announcing group events, such as anniversaries, speaker meetings, etc. The thoughtful and detailed conversation raised some additional considerations, so we look forward to further discussion at the April Policy Committee meeting.

The Local Services Policy Task Force's new charge was to conduct a broader review of "Local Services," rather than just the "Autonomy of Groups" portion of the Policy Digest. The discussion the Task Force brought forward helped clarify paragraphs that may require rewriting to better reflect policy, as well as continuity to paragraphs that might be better suited to a different location within the Policy Digest. We look forward to further discussion at the April Policy Committee meeting.

Thank you to all the members of these task and thought forces, and Staff who worked so tirelessly to bring this work to the Policy Committee.

As always, the Policy Committee welcomes all questions and suggestions from any AI-Anon and Alateen member, meeting, group, or Area regarding issues that might need further clarification or interpretation in light of our Legacies.