

2017 Pre-Conference Motion: For a trial period of 3 years, beginning in 2017, Washington Area AFG will pay expenses for the Al-Anon Member(s) In Alateen Service (AMIAS) who accompanies the Washington Area Alateen Conference (WAAC) Chair (or Alternate); to report to and participate in the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings and the Washington Area Assemblies; if the Alateen is under the age of 18. The expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the (Guidelines for Expenses) in Section 2, Washington Area Handbook.

Proposed Motion: End the Three Year 2017 Trial Period motion and make permanent- Washington Area AFG will pay expenses for Al-Anon Member(s) In Alateen Service (AMIAS(‘) who accompanies the Washington Area Alateen Conference Chair (WAAC) or alternate; to report and to participate in the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meetings and the Washington Area Assemblies. The expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the (Guidelines for Expenses) in Section 2, of the Washington Area Handbook.

Background:

Past motions offer financial support for Alateen participation at Assemblies and AWSCs. However, since we passed the Alateen Safety Requirements in 2004 and 2010 we have not voted to financially support the AMIAS(‘) who accompanies the Alateen to these events. This is preventing Washington Area from being fully self-supporting. The counterpart (or alternate) to the WAAC chair (or alternate) will make themselves available to drive and/or act as the WAAC chair's (or alternate's) chaperone. We have not had a WAAC Chair under the age of 18 during the trail period until this year. Using Ellensburg as a central location the estimated mileage expense: \$316.25; estimated registration expense: \$125; lodging expense: \$500; and estimated meals expense: \$430 to send one WAAC Chair AMIAS to Washington Area Assemblies, AWSCs and WAAC.

What do we know about our members’ needs, wants, and preferences that relates to this discussion?

- Washington Area wants to facilitate Alateen participation at AWSCs and Assemblies.
- Washington Area wants to be fully self-supporting.

What do we know about our resources relative to this issue?

- In the past Washington Area has pledged its support: “Examples of full support: a) legal support in securing the conference site; b) reasonable treasury support; c) fellowship support in chaperoning and transporting; and d) support which is consistent with other WA Area AFG Conventions.” Washington Area Handbook pg. 1C-17
- At the end of each year we donate funds raised in Washington Area to World Service Office. Would it benefit Washington Area to spend this money here?

Donations made to WSO: 2012 we paid \$3,054.47
 2013 we paid \$5,986.56
 2015 we paid \$12, 539.66
 2016 we paid \$3,869.56
 2017 we paid \$6,825.47
 2018 we paid \$8,768.52

What do we know about our “culture or environment” (technology, our steps, traditions, concepts, spiritual principles) that relate to this issue?

- Tradition 7 suggests we be fully self-supporting,
- Tradition 4 suggest we are accountable to the unenforceable.

What are the implications of our choices (pros and cons)?

- If passed, Washington Area will be fully self-supporting
- Encourages consistent Alateen participation

What do we not know about this issue that we wish we knew?

- How much this would cost the fellowship do we have the funds to support this endeavor?

Estimated expenses for one AMIAS for all 5 Area events in a year:

230 x 5 = 1150 = 1150 x 0.55 (3 cents less than the IRS mileage for 2019) = \$632.50 ./. 2 =	\$316.25
45 + 15 + 65 (Registration for Assemblies) =	\$125
10 x \$100 (lodging expense) = \$1,000 ./. 2 =	\$500
10 x \$15 (breakfasts) =	\$150
8 x \$15 (lunches) =	\$120
8 x \$20 (dinners) =	\$160
	\$1,371.25

How do Al-Anon legacies apply to this issue?

- We would like to continue to expose members to the legacies of our program, this is best accomplished by encouraging members at all levels to serve.

Past Motions:

2000 Fall Assembly Spokane

The annual "~~Club Attitude~~ (2004-P) Washington Area Alateen Conference" which has been held in Washington Area since 1997 become a standing committee and annual event of the WA Area AFG, as long as the conference needs it. The Alateen Conference would be accountable to the WA Area World Service Committee and WA Area Assembly bodies. Being part of the WA Area AFG, the Alateen Conference would expect full support of the WA Area in planning, fundraising and other responsibilities and expenses of the annual conference. Examples of full support: a) legal support in securing the conference site; b) reasonable treasury support; c) fellowship support in chaperoning and transporting; and d) support which is consistent with other WA Area AFG Conventions. pg. Section 1C-17

2002 Pre-Conference Moses Lake

Each year, Washington Area shall pay expenses for the ~~Club Attitude~~ (2004-P) Washington Area Alateen Conference Chair (or Alternate) to report to and participate in the Winter Area World Service Committee meeting, the Pre-Conference Assembly, the Summer Area World Service Committee Meeting, and the Fall Assembly. In addition, the WA Area shall pay the expenses for the WAAC Chair (or Alternate) to attend the Summer Service Seminar Assembly for educational purposes and for the growth as a trusted servant. pg. Section 1C-18

These are the guidelines for expenses as outlined in the Washington Area Handbook:

**GUIDELINES FOR EXPENSES
WASHINGTON AREA AL-ANON
Updated 10/3/09 from
2009 Fall Assembly**

Area Officers and Coordinators must pay ahead for Assembly registration fees. All expenses within the guidelines should be reported and will be reimbursed by the Area Treasurer. If any individual wishes, he/she may return the reimbursement to the Area General Fund. (2009-A). WA Area AFG will pay the expenses of the WA Area Alateen Coordinator and WA Area Alateen Safety Coordinator to the WA Area Alateen Conference (WAAC) and the WA Area Alateen Sponsor Updated 2-18-2020

Training and Recovery (ASTAR) Weekend. (2015-P)

I. Area Officers/Coordinators

Itemized receipts must accompany expense statements to be submitted following the Spring Pre-Conference, Area Assembly, Summer Seminar Assembly and after Area World Service Committee meetings held in the summer and winter or whenever expenses are in excess of their working fund. Statements must be submitted to the Treasurer even if no expenses were incurred. Each year's expense forms must be received by the Treasurer by the last day of the year. Any expenses not submitted by that date cannot be considered for reimbursement. The Treasurer will pay expenses within 30 days unless there are unusual expenses (see Section I, Item C). See Section VIII for Washington Area Alateen Conference Chair Expenses. (2000-P; 2008-A)

A. Transportation

1. Rate is 3 cents less than the IRS business allowance per mile per vehicle. Each driver and vehicle shall be reimbursed for the total miles traveled.
2. Whenever possible, at least two Area Officers and/or Coordinators shall travel in the same vehicle, dividing the expense.
3. If there are any passengers in the vehicle other than the Area Officers and Coordinators, their contributions shall be subtracted from the dollar amount of the Area allowable expense. After that, the allowable expense shall be divided equally between the Area Officers and Coordinators riding in the vehicle. Each Officer or Coordinator shall submit her/his portion of the expense to the Area, and reimburse the driver that amount. Tolls and ferry fares shall be added to the total allowable Area expense per vehicle before contributions are deducted. Area Officers and/or Coordinators with a recognized disability as defined by the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) who require a caregiver to travel with them are not required to travel with another Area Officer and/or Coordinator. The Officer/Coordinator will be reimbursed in full for mileage and other costs incurred by the caregiver in assisting the officer/coordinator.
4. Charter bus rates will be paid for individuals traveling in that manner.
5. The cost of airplane tickets will be reimbursed up to the cost of driving the same distance in a vehicle.

B. Lodging

1. Reimbursement for up to two night's lodging will be made for actual expenses incurred, up to a maximum of the convention rate at the host hotel. All occupants shall pay equal amounts.
2. Whenever possible, at least two Area Officers and/or Coordinators shall lodge in the same room, dividing the expense. Area Officers and/or Coordinators with a recognized disability as defined by the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) who require a caregiver, to lodge with them are not required to lodge with another Area Officer and/or Coordinator. The Officer/Coordinator will be reimbursed in full for lodging and other costs incurred by the caregiver in assisting the officer/coordinator.
3. Any upgrade in accommodations shall be the responsibility of the person choosing to upgrade.

Here is the Alateen information from Section 7 of the Washington Area Handbook:

WAAC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The WAAC planning committee consists of Alateen and Al-Anon members. The purpose of the committee is to plan and execute the annual Alateen Conference. Each Alateen member has an Al-Anon counterpart who serves as a service sponsor. Only Alateen members can make and vote on motions. Al-Anon Counterparts have a voice at all committee

meetings and are encouraged to offer information related to Alateen Traditions, Concepts of Service the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual and established WSO and WAAC guidelines. The Alateen committee members are Alateen Chair, Alateen Alternate Chair, Alateen Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising, Hospitality, Program, Publicly, Registration and Site. The Treasurer of the conference is an Al-Anon member, who is assisted by the Alateen Treasurer. pg. Section 7G-1

INFORMATION FOR ADULTS/COUNTERPARTS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

WAAC counterparts must be Certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service. Please see WA Area Alateen Safety Requirements for AMIAS qualifications. The counterpart can help make the WAAC an enjoyable experience for both the counterpart and the Alateen. Counterparts should be available to the Alateen when they have questions, need support, or need assistance. The counterpart can help with communication by staying in contact with the Alateen. The WAAC counterpart is appointed by the Alateen and would hold a term of one year. Counterparts and the Alateen attend the regular meetings which are held all over Washington state. Committee members and counterpart's expenses for these meeting can be reimbursed upon request. WAAC counterparts will use all applicable travel, permission and medical forms when transporting Alateen members under the age of 18. pg. Section 7G-3

Washington Are Alateen Safety Requirements

b. Alateen Participation at an Event Beyond the Group-At special events, participants under the age of 21 will be considered Alateen members when they identify themselves as such, attend Alateen recovery meetings or workshops at the event, represent an Alateen meeting in the links of services, or participate in fundraising for Alateen. Alateen members of the age eighteen or older may sign their own registration forms and provide their own transportation to special events.

Travel and Events

Travel and Accommodations

... Alateen members 18 years of age or older may drive themselves to events but are ineligible to drive other Alateens under the age of 18.

Respectfully submitted,

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