

April 18, 2020 Delegate's Report

By Joanne P, VT Delegate

When Conference decisions are made, the same communication chain carries the information back from the Delegate, to the Assembly, to the AWSC, to the District Representative, to the Group Representative, and to the group members. A group that fails to have a Group Representative denies its members a voice and causes a break in the link of communications. (Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual p69)



Conference is coming

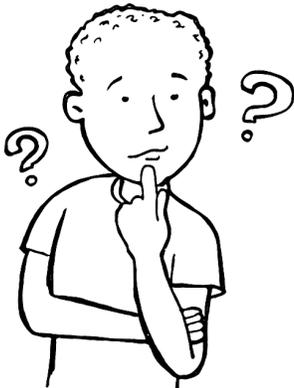
The 2020 World Service Conference begins 4/20/2020 and will virtual. There will be two webEx meetings with all conference members. The remainder of the conference will be through discussions on AFG Connects.

Remember those CAIs?

25 chosen agenda items (CAIs) were submitted by delegates from all over the country. The two chosen to be discussed at conference are below. **All 25 CAIs are posted on the [Delegates News page](#)** located under Get Involved on www.vermontalanonalateen.org.

CAI #1: How is Al-Anon going to reach new members in the 21st century and the millennial generation?

"The population age of Al-Anon members are 56-60 years old. If we continue doing the same things in some moments Al-Anon Family Groups will struggle difficult times. So, is important for Al-Anon seeing new ways to reach out the message."



CAI #2: Our Envisioned Future sees Al-Anon being a global organization with barrier-free access to the program, how do you see this manifesting?

"Today, approximately 40% of our groups exist outside the WSC service Structure. This does not even include electronic meetings which are without geographical limitations. These groups and meetings are growing, while our face-to-face groups are getting smaller. The creation of an actual worldwide group conscience is not only desirable but imperative. All voices must be heard. How to make AlAnon a truly global organization is a difficult task, with many visions. Input from the Conference can only further this goal."

Tidbits

- I had the pleasure of attending District 7's business meeting via zoom. Go Jeanette. She does a great job chairing. I enjoyed getting to know other members and hearing what's happening in other districts.
- During March, I've been busy reading proposed motions and the 2019 WSO Annual Report and other confidential documents. I get a chance as delegate to send in questions. The documents are confidential until after the WSC.
- Albert, our Group Records Coordinator, and I talked about the AWSC roster and looked at the accuracy of the terms. For example, my term as delegate is 1-1-2019 to 12-31-2021. But a District Rep's may be different. Watch for more from Albert, who manages that roster that is used by WSO for AFG Connects.
- Jessanne and I met virtually to touch base on alateen and the potential to conduct virtual AMIAS trainings – something Jessanne is mulling over. Florida is doing this.

Jessanne: Our AAPP

What's an AAPP? Jessanne is not only our Alateen Coordinator, she's also the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP).

To ensure unity, consistency in communications with the WSO, and compliance with Area Requirements, each Area has an individual who serves as the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP). The AAPP maintains the current list of certified AMIAS and communicates with the WSO and Area trusted servants as described in the Area Requirements. This list includes certified AMIAS who are eligible to serve the Area at any time. It is within the Area's autonomy to determine how the AAPP service responsibility is fulfilled. (Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual p94)



“Families and Friends only” and “Families, Friends, and Observers welcome” or “Closed” and “Open”?

The April 2019 policy committee talked about this topic. I came across it and ask: Should we consider replacing Closed and Open on our meeting lists? Read more in the [April 2019 Policy Committee Report](https://al-anon.org/pdf/Apr19-policy.pdf) (<https://al-anon.org/pdf/Apr19-policy.pdf>).

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Welcome to Service!

Al-Anon believes that our benefits are measured by our willingness to share them with others, for we know we can never give as much as we receive.

Find useful and timely ideas for service in the newsletter put out by Al-Anon's World Service Office: [*In the Loop: News from Your WSO*](#).

Service is also the simple act of sharing your experience, strength, and hope with others. All members are welcome to share their thoughts on recovery on WSO's [Member Blog](#).

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