The Virginia Area 57 Al-Anon Bylaws were approved at the 2016 Spring Assembly.

**Article X – Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended by a Two-Thirds (2/3) vote of the Group Representatives (GRs) or elected alternates at an Area Assembly that has been preceded by a minimum of Two (2) VAWSC meetings and One (1) Area Assembly. The aforementioned VAWSC meetings shall review, discuss, amend as required, and then give preliminary approval to the proposed amendment/s. After the requisite VAWSC meetings have given preliminary approval to the proposed amendment/s, advance written notification of the intention to amend these Bylaws shall be mailed to the Group Representative (GR) or Current Mailing Address (CMA) of every Group, together with a copy of the proposed amendment/s. At the First Area Assembly following the VAWSC preliminary approval of the proposed amendment/s and the advance written notification as aforesaid, the proposed amendment/s shall be reviewed and discussed at said Area Assembly. No vote shall be taken at that Assembly to allow ample time for consideration by each Group on the proposed amendment/s. At the next Area Assembly a vote shall be taken by the Group Representatives (GRs) or elected alternates on each proposed amendment. (See Article VI, Section 3 – Assembly Purpose, a).

**Action to Date** – In keeping with the amendment process specified in the approved Bylaws of the Virginia Area Assembly:

1. VAWSC had the first reading of the proposed amendment at the August 6, 2016 meeting.
2. VAWSC had the second reading of the proposed amendment and gave preliminary approval at the March 4, 2017 meeting.
3. The first Assembly reading of the proposed amendment to the Bylaws will be at the 2017 Spring Assembly May 6-7.
4. The second reading and vote on the proposed amendment to the Bylaws is scheduled for the 2017 Fall Assembly October 21-22.
The current wording of Article X, Section 4 is as follows:

Article X, Section 4: Virginia Area World Service Committee (VAWSC) Meetings

Two (2) VAWSC meetings shall be held annually. These meetings may be held at any convenient time, but are customarily held on a Saturday in March and in August. VAWSC members include: Officers, Coordinators, District Representatives, Past Delegates, current Convention Chair, and Liaisons from each Service Center and each Alateen Conference. All VAWSC members have voice and vote. Individual Al-Anon members are welcome to attend and have voice but no vote.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO THE VIRGINIA AREA AL-ANON BYLAWS

That Article X, Section 4 read as follows:

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