



# Electronic Alateen Validation and Implementation

Area 57 Virginia

# HISTORY

- ▶ 2020: Board of Trustees approved the Strategic Plan Strategy: Alateen Electronic Group Feasibility.
- ▶ 2021: The Alateen Electronic Group Feasibility Project Team collaborated with international structures to better understand global legal implications around adults interacting with minors.
- ▶ 2022: We developed a potential conceptual solution to support electronic Alateen groups and presented it to the 2022 WSC. (See *2022 WSC Summary* [P-46], page 31).
- ▶ 2023: The BOT was provided with a comprehensive report and proposed course of action for the Project Team to pursue. The 2023 WSC, established a new strategy: **Electronic Alateen Validation & Implementation Planning**.
- ▶ 2024: Conference members asked for additional feedback from their Areas. This contributed to new terminology in support of electronic Alateen groups in the WSC Structure:
  - World Service Conference Structure Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements or **WSC EASBR**
  - Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service serving electronic Alateen groups or **AMIAS-E**

# VALIDATION

- ▶ WSC Electronic Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements (WSC EASBR)
  - 2024 World Service Conference discussed the language found in the WSC EASBR.
  - Policy Committee completes its preliminary review of the WSC EASBR and concluded that a future implementation of the WSC EASBR is in alignment with the current Alateen Policy as it is written.
  - WSC EASBR was provided to general counsel for a thorough review of the requirements.

# What is the WSC EASBR

- ▶ The WSC EASBR is designed to meet the legal requirements of the US (including Puerto Rico), Canada and Bermuda.
- ▶ Sets minimum requirements to ensure:
  - Electronic Alateen Groups could be recognized as AFGs.
  - Areas could have autonomy whether to accept electronic Alateen groups.
  - Electronic Alateen groups could be connected to the Area with a voice and vote.

# WSC EASBR

## ► **Alateen Participation Minimums:**

- Teenagers must be 13 years old or older to participate.
- Teenagers must participate in a pre-interview with each Alateen group they wish to attend.
- Teenagers need to show proof of age with photo identification, provide contact information, and share emergency contact information of a custodial parent or legal guardian.
- Alateens need to show photo identification upon each entry to that electronic Alateen group.

# WSC EASBR

- ▶ **Electronic Alateen Group Minimums:**
  - Two Group Sponsors (AMIAS-E) are required for the meeting to take place.
  - Meetings cannot be recorded or transcribed.

# WSC EASBR

## ▶ **Electronic Alateen Group Requirements:**

- Each Alateen group needs to conduct a pre-interview of any new teen wishing to attend.
- Pre-interview needs to be facilitated by registered Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service-Electronic (AMIAS-E) for that specific group.
- Group Sponsors need to maintain a list of information on Alateens interviewed and approved for admittance to that specific group.
- Only group name, meeting day, time, and group email can be displayed on public websites.

# WSC EASBR

## ▶ **AMIAS-E Certification Process Minimums:**

- AMIAS-E need to pass a background check.
- AMIAS-E need to be mandated reporters.
- Only AMIAS-E can serve as Group Sponsors for electronic Alateen meetings.

# WSC EASBR IMPLEMENTATION

- ▶ Target July 2026
- ▶ What still needs to happen:
  - The WSC EASBR is pending attorney determination.
  - The Core Systems Overhaul for all group records is in progress, which will support all AI-Anon and Alateen groups.
  - There are training resources and support tools that require creation.

# WSC EASBR - DISCUSSION

- ▶ Should the VA Area accept electronic Alateen meetings?
- ▶ Can the VA Area create procedures to ensure the minimum requirements defined in the WSC EASBR?
- ▶ Is your District willing to meet the minimum requirements of the WSC EASBR?
- ▶ Can the VA Area meet the July 2026 rollout?
- ▶ Will electronic Alateen meetings help the VA Alateen Program grow?
- ▶ Will Al-Anon members be willing to become AMIAS-Es?
- ▶ What else do we need to know?

# WSC EASBR – NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Start talking about electronic Alateen meetings with your Groups.
- ▶ Present this information at the 2025 Fall Assembly.
- ▶ Create a survey for Al-Anon members.
- ▶ GRs will break into groups at Assembly to create questions for the survey.
- ▶ Survey participation ends November 2025.
- ▶ Results are reviewed by Officers and Coordinators and presented by the Spring VAWSC.
- ▶ Delegate takes results to 2026 WSC.