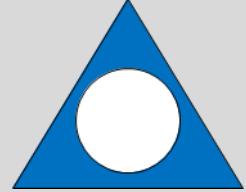


# THE BEACON



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE EAST TEXAS AREA AL-ANON/ALATEEN ASSEMBLY



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



### 2025 FALL ASSEMBLY

NOV 7-9, 2025

VICTORIA, TX

### AWSC MEETING

JAN 24, 2026

HOST DISTRICT NEEDED

### ATAAC

FEB 20-22, 2025

RICHARDSON, TX

### 2026 SPRING ASSEMBLY

MAY 15-15, 2026

CAMP ALLEN

NAVASOTA, TX

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR - PEGGY TATE

These are the topics we will be discussing and possibly voting on at the upcoming Fall Area Assembly in Victoria:

1. Approving the purchase of Directors and Officers insurance
2. Considering approval of the Area's 2026 budget
3. Considering an increase to the Area's ample reserve by \$5,000 (to a total of \$25,000)
4. Considering the purchase of \$5,000 in hybrid meeting equipment
5. Considering allowing electronic Alateen groups to participate in our Texas East Area service structure
6. Considering approval of the recommendations from the POSSE Solution Committee regarding Alateen
7. Considering a change to the qualifications for Area Coordinators so that current A.A. members are no longer eligible to stand, aligning Area policy with our Al-Anon Service Manual
8. Considering changes to the Group Transfer Policy so that it covers groups assigned by Zip Code as well as by county
9. Considering our policy regarding establishing or modifying guidelines in the Area Handbook
10. Accepting updates to the Policy and Guidelines Handbook
11. Considering an update to our policy regarding motions to include last names

"Participation is the key to harmony" (Concept Four)

**An Invitation:** Come practice using your voice!

Make it a day trip if that works best, or carpool and share a room with friends. The weather is cooler, and Victoria is not crowded this time of year — a perfect setting to enjoy fellowship, connection, and the spiritual experience of our Assembly.

I am excited and looking forward to seeing you there!

Warmly,  
Peggy Tate

## LINKS OF SERVICE

"Many links of service together make a strong chain —  
not a chain of command, not a chain that tethers, but a chain that connects each of us."

[How Am I a Link of Service? - Al-Anon Family Groups](#)

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*“It takes only one person to start something, but many others to carry it out.”*



*~ Lois W. (1891-1988)*

**Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc.**

## DELEGATE REPORT - ANNA ANDERSON

Hello, Texas East! Well, here we are in October, as another year begins to wind down. We're also more than half way through this panel, as we begin to wind down several of the issues we began with back in January 2024.

I'm also seeing the transition to the second half of my term as your Area Delegate. I will attend my last World Service Conference (WSC) in April 2026, and the Panel 64 Delegates have begun preparations for that as well. At the end of the 2026 WSC, we will be the outgoing panel, with only eight months left in our terms at that point. I have no idea where the time has gone! The work of a delegate is constant, but I am so grateful for the life-long friendships, spiritual growth, and deeper understanding of our principles and legacies that I've been blessed to experience.

This year's WSC was filled with information and thoughtful discussion that will continue in 2026. To prepare for that, I am seeking your input on several issues. Some you've already seen, but please keep an eye out for some additional requests for feedback, which will be coming through your district representatives (DRs).

As time moves on, so does the business of the WSC and the Board of Trustees (BOT). Updates from the World Service Office (WSO) and the BOT were communicated through the July Chairperson of the Board Letter and the associated reports from the WSO's Policy Committee, Conference Leadership Team, and Finance Committee. The letter and reports have been finalized by the WSO, were emailed to our Area World Service Committee for distribution to our districts and groups, and can now also be found in English and Spanish on the WSO website at:

- Chairperson Of The Board Letter July 2025: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Policy Committee Update July 2025: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Conference Leadership Team Update July 2025: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Finance Update July 2025: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Closer to home, I visited District 7 and attended their district meeting and Spring Assembly Host Committee Meeting on August 16 in Dobbin, TX. Thank you to Alternate DR Kurt N. for inviting me. I enjoyed being able to share some experience, strength, and hope (ESH) with everyone regarding Assembly planning and program selection. I'm excited for the Area to experience District 7's plans for the Spring 2026 Assembly. I'm also looking forward to visiting with District 12 on October 18 in San Antonio.

If you are a DR and would like me to pay a visit either during your district meeting or some other district event, please contact me at [txe.delegatepn164@gmail.com](mailto:txe.delegatepn164@gmail.com). If you have questions about any of the information in the Chairperson of the Board letter or the associated reports, please email me. I'll email the questions and answers and will also request they be posted to the Texas East website, so everyone has the information.

Please be safe out there. I can't wait to see everyone at the Fall Assembly in Victoria.

Anna Anderson  
Delegate

## *A Spark for Service*

**“I saw that enthusiasm indicated that a spark for service has no boundaries.”**



[A Spark for Service - Al-Anon Family Groups](#)



## ALTERNATE DELEGATE - MYRTHALA COLLAZO

### Be informed!

This will be the last issue of The Beacon for 2025, and I am hoping the Texas East Al-Anon and Alateen members will continue to read all of the Conference Approved Literature (CAL) that is available to us for our program of recovery.

Here's the latest update of **Literature** and **The Forum**. Establishing an e-mail list of members makes it easy to forward information.



Al-Anon's public outreach magazine is getting an update, and your personal perspective is needed on how Al-Anon Family Groups can help people troubled by someone else's drinking. As you compose your sharing, consider the following questions:

- How did you hear about Al-Anon?
- How did you overcome any initial resistance to attending a meeting?
- What brought you back to your second meeting, and what keeps you coming back today?
- What would you share with a potential member about the help and hope you have found in Al-Anon?

Check out the [writing guide](#) and submit your sharing today!

### Invite a Professional to observe an Al-Anon Meeting

Is your Al-Anon group registered as a "Families, Friends, and Observers Welcome" meeting? If so, do you know anyone in the helping professions who might be interested in learning more about Al-Anon Family Groups? Consider inviting them to attend an in-person or online meeting to experience the warmth and support we can provide their patients or clients. For more information, please visit [al-anon.org/observers](#).

For decades, Al-Anon and Alateen literature has provided hope and guidance to families and friends of alcoholics. Our literature began as booklets and pamphlets sharing personal stories and practical support. Today, it continues to uphold our spiritual principles. Our literature is conceptually approved by the World Service Conference to ensure its message of strength and unity.

### Celebrating Milestones in 2025



## Al-Anon Literature 2025 Milestones

2025 Milestones

**70 Years**

*The Al-Anon Family Groups*  
Classic Edition (B-5)

**55 Years**

*Alateen Do's and Don'ts* (M-9)

**30 Years**

*When I Got Busy, I Got Better*  
(P-78)

[al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org)

### October Is American Archives Month

Every October, the United States National Archives celebrates American Archives Month, and the World Service Office (WSO) Archives proudly celebrates ours!

This month, we honor the rich history of Al-Anon and Alateen, showcase how our archives keep this legacy alive, and emphasize the vital role of record-keeping and archival management.

Let's celebrate our history together!

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## Message from Carol Cowan, Associate Director-Literature WSO-Staff:



I urgently need your help gathering a few sharings for the CAL Corner department of upcoming issues of *The Forum*.

Cal Corner sharings tell how a particular piece of literature-or portion of that piece-helped you in your recovery. The focus should be on what this piece means to you rather than an overview of the piece itself. Please see the CAL Corner pages in recent issues of *The Forum* for examples.

Feel free to write something yourself or invite members from your District or group to contribute. Sharings can range from about 200 to 400 words.

### Here are the titles and due dates coming up:

Al-Anon's Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, Revised (B-8) - DUE October 20, 2025 and Hope for Today (B-27) - DUE November 20, 2025

Please email sharings directly to me at [literature@al-anon.org](mailto:literature@al-anon.org) or to [wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org) with CAL Corner in the subject line.

Thanks for all you do to share the lifesaving resource of Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature with the families and friends of alcoholics!

**SECRETARY - PAULA HASCHKE** —Thanks for the Area World Service Committee Minutes

**TREASURER - JOYCE YODER**

Thank you for your continued giving through Gratitude and Abundance. These funds allow us an opportunity to carry the message of hope and recovery to our communities, Area, as well as worldwide.

District One returned the Spring Assembly seed money, plus an assembly surplus of \$2074.73. Thank you for hosting a great Spring Assembly in South Padre.

When your group submits a donation (whether by check, money order, cash, or Zeffy), please include your WSO Group ID to ensure your donation is recorded for the correct group.

Have you or your group used Zeffy for making donations to the Area? **Zeffy Tips:** If a donation is from a group, please include your Group Name and WSO Group ID. If you are making a specific donation, please indicate what the donation is for – AWSC Collection, Birthday Basket, Group donation, personal donation, or any other identifying notation to help with proper accounting distribution and reporting.

Please submit requests for November 2025 Assembly and year end covered expenses by December 15 to allow for proper year-end closing of accounting records.

Joyce Yoder  
ETAAA Treasurer  
*Concept 4 – Participation is the key to harmony.*



**ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON - SYLVIA MITCHELL**

#### AMIAS - Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service

This year we started off with 81 registered AMIAS, as of today we have a total of 64 AMIAS.

57 AMIAS recertified this year

7 New certified AMIAS

#### Alateen Groups

We started off with 19 registered Alateen Groups, as of today we have 14 Alateen Groups which includes 2 new groups.

Sylvia Mitchell  
Area Alateen Processing Person

## GROUP RECORDS COORDINATOR - CAT AMADOR

Hello everyone!

I wanted to thank you all for your patience as we work through some glitches.

If you have any record changes or questions, please send them to me directly. You can also text me - 512.704.3877. (My phone will throw unknown numbers to spam so text first).

I am still not receiving the change form emails from the WSO. We are working on a solution.

You all are amazing and I thank you for your service and support!

Cat A.

Area Group Records Coordinator — [etxpanel64grc@yahoo.com](mailto:etxpanel64grc@yahoo.com)

## NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR - DELIA BLAIR

Howdy Area 53,

Serving as the Newsletter Coordinator continues to be a fun-filled task. Yes, this issue has lots of information. It's a great way for all members to stay informed about what's happening in our Area and in our worldwide fellowship. This publication's reports will especially be useful for our GRs and all members attending the upcoming Assembly.

*The Beacon, Reconsidered and Reimagined Task Force* is glad to announce that this issue has its first personal story from an Area 53 Al-Anon member! Be sure and check out this quarters *HERE'S A STORY!*

CMAs, DRs, and GRs, Please be sure you're distributing and announcing *The Beacon* to the groups you serve. Our hope is that it will be made available to every member in our Area.

Much appreciation,

Delia Blair

**The next reports deadline is January 3, 2026**

## PUBLIC OUTREACH COORDINATOR - LORNA FINKENBINDER

Hello Texas East,

Remember to order the free bookmark "Hope" (M-76) and leave it anywhere as a Public Outreach Project. Also, (M-8) is a business card with the Al-Anon Declaration on it for .25 cents each— another way to share Al-Anon information. During one of our Public Outreach calls, Debby (District 9) shared an idea: With Halloween around the corner fill a baggie with the bookmark and/or card along with some candy to pass out on Halloween or at a trunk or treat event. Who knows who will see it and reach out for help.

Here's a sample of what it could look like.



Thank all of you for being a part of Public Outreach in anyway you can.

In loving Al-Anon service,

Lorna Finkenbinder

Area Public Outreach Coordinator



**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS****DISTRICT 1 - EVERICA RIVERA**

Hello East Texas Area!

It is a pleasure to communicate with you through this newsletter to let you know that in District 1, we are working to continue increasing membership in our existing groups. Although we had a minor mishap with our district website, which was closed for a couple of weeks due to the decision to change companies, I am grateful to our Higher Power and our Technology Coordinator that the website is now up and running again. On this page, <https://www.rgv-al-anon.org/> you can find meeting schedules of the District 1 groups, as well as information for newcomers and old members. You can also find information about some events, such as the Fall Area Assembly in Victoria and the ATTAC 2026 Convention in Dallas.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I send you my best wishes for a harmonious and happy holiday season in your lives and in the lives of your beloved families.

See you at the Fall Assembly!

With love in Al-Anon service,

Everica R.

District 1 Representative

**DISTRICT 3 - DEB RAYBURN**

See the EAST TEXAS AL-ANON/ALATEEN FALL ASSEMBLY flyers in this edition! And get registered! See you all in Victoria!

**DISTRICT 4 - PAULETTE NEMEC**

Greetings Area 53 and Happy Fall to all!

I am grateful to report District 4 is experiencing growth and recovery this quarter, and we look forward to the Fall Assembly in Victoria. We are happy to provide hospitality support to District 3 for the assembly. Because of the consistent contributions of our groups we approved that support at our most recent district meeting in September. And, in August we enjoyed hosting the AWSC meeting in Pearland! Big shout-outs to Joyce Y. and Renee G. who headed the efforts for the space and the food and refreshments needed to keep us happily moving the area's business along.

Events around District 4 included our annual Day in Al-Anon, this year's theme: "Let's Taco 'Bout Recovery" was held for the first time in LaMarque. Workshops based upon our new CAL, "Healing Within Our Alcoholic Relationships" were enjoyed by all- and so was the taco bar lunch! We included a bake sale, literature sales and silent auction. It was a lovely day of recovery and a successful fundraiser for District 4. Shout-outs to co-chairs Lynz C. and Kacie T. for excellent organization and leadership! The 2025 Walk For Recovery in Brazoria County was held on September 29, and there were regular speaker meetings held around the district.

There's a new meeting, beginning October 7 in Missouri City- Serenity of Sienna AFG will meet at Harvest Methodist Church CLC, 9029 Sienna Ranch Rd., Missouri City, 77459, 6:30PM. Thanks Laura B., for getting the word out!

**DISTRICT 8 - NICOLE POOLE**

Hello All,

We have just had our Quarterly meeting Oct 4th. Excited that AIS has joined our meeting again for conversation, food and fellowship. We also welcome a new group to our District— Hope of Groves. If you are in the area, go check them out. I was honored to be able to attend the first meeting there. They're a wonderful group that focuses on recovery! Glad they are here.

Other upcoming news -

We will have Al-anon participation at the SETAA Convention in January. Look for meetings, a speaker or two, and literature there.

Lastly, Suzanne R. will be telling her story at the Gratitude Dinner on Nov. 1.

Thank you and Grateful to Serve,

Nicole Poole

## DISTRICT 10 - PRISCILLA FORD

I attended the Fall AWSC meeting in Pearland on August 23, 2025. This was our first hybrid meeting. After a few technical issues were addressed, the meeting went fairly well. The Area is working to make this option available for those unable to attend in person. I prefer to attend face-to-face but recognize it as a good option for groups who may not be able to send someone.

We have a new meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3 pm at the Noon and Night meeting location. My understanding is that there are mostly dual membership attendees. The group is still in the process of getting registered and working out details for who can and will serve as the GR, Treasurer, etc. We wish them well in establishing this new group.

I hope to attend the Road Trip event in Omaha, Nebraska in October, The "Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect" event is an opportunity for local Al-Anon members to meet and interact with Trustees and Executive Committee members as they share their experience as World Service Volunteers serving the fellowship and worldwide Al-Anon Family Groups. Having applied for a Regional Trustee position, I think this will be a great learning opportunity.

We have an upcoming Day In Al-Anon event on October 11, 2025. We will have lunch together and will have workshops based on the publication, "Healing Within Our Alcoholic Relationships" (P-95). We are looking forward to learning together, as well as fun and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly in Victoria in November.

Priscilla F.

DR District 10

## DISTRICT 14 - TERRI DUNCAN

### Day in Alanon

Just in time for your holiday outreach! Lorna F. (Area Outreach Coordinator) acting on behalf of Pam D. (District Outreach Coordinator) who was away for our recent D14 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting gave a great idea for trick or treaters this season. Put a few fun-size treats in a bag and top it off with a free M-76 Outreach Bookmark or an M-8 business card sized outreach message. Parents will see the message of hope when they check the candy bags from the night's haul. Check with our local Intergroup office (713) 683-7227 for availability of either one. What a sweet treat! See picture in the Area Public Outreach Coordinator report.

### Photos for District Archives

Please send any photos from district events to our Archives Coordinator Karen G. at [karenanon28@gmail.com](mailto:karenanon28@gmail.com).

### Fall Assembly

As we near the next Area World Service Committee (AWSC) and GR Assembly from Nov. 7-9, there will be Area and District training sessions for GR's to be prepared to present motions and voting duties at the event. Stay tuned!

Our third meeting of 2025 was held on Sun., Sep. 21st from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Apostles (COTHA), 1225 W. Grand Pkwy S., Katy, TX 77494. We had a lot of Group Representative updates. To ensure we cover business items, we'll move those topics earlier in our agenda. Everyone is welcome to District 14 quarterly meetings!



### Other news

- "Clearing the Cobwebs" is the next topic for the **Creative Writing Workshop** at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28th. Bring a 200-400-word count writing or you can write it during the meeting. We're encouraged to send in articles on any of the Steps, Traditions or Concepts to the WSO, 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617 or online at Al-Anon.org/sharing.

The workshop is held on Zoom with meeting: 896 6619 6644 passcode: CREATE. Thanks to Beth E. and Bea P. for leading and encouraging us to develop our talents!

- The **How AFG Works** meeting on Thursdays at 7pm is finishing **Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships** B-33. The next book will be **Paths to Recovery** B-24. Check availability at the Houston Intergroup Office online or at (713) 683-7227. Zoom: 87335793091 Passcode: 464470.
- Consider reviewing your group donations to the service arms (WSO, Intergroup, Area, District). WSO and Area both have excess funds while Intergroup and District are struggling.

2025 District 14 Meetings (all Sundays from 1:30-3 p.m. at Church of the Holy Apostles (COTHA), 1225 W. Grand Pkwy S., Katy, TX 77494.

All are welcome: **March 16, June 22, September 21 and December 7 (holiday party with ornament exchange if you'd like to participate)**

In kind service, Terri D. District Representative

## DISTRICT 17 - KEVIN HANSBRO

Fellowship and engagement are continuing to grow in District 17. Since the last Area Assembly, District 17 hosted an Ice Cream Social. Members from across the district attended and had their choice of ice cream flavors. Most of us had several flavors. Some had multiple flavors more than once. Respecting anonymity, we will not name the members. During the fellowship, Al-Anon members learned about service opportunities, selected free literature, and shared their experience, strength, and hope. Some members volunteered to serve on an event committee and plan the next district event. One member shared their intent to call a group conscience at their home group for the purpose of selecting a group representative.

In service of families of alcoholics,  
Kevin H.

*No District Reports —*

**DISTRICT 2 - SYLVIA MITCHELL**  
**DISTRICT 5 - LISA HARRIS**  
**DISTRICT 6 - LYNN POLINGYOUAMA**  
**DISTRICT 7 - JOHN RICHAR**

**DISTRICT 9 - D'ANNE BEHEE**  
**DISTRICT 12 - PATTIE WATSON**  
**DISTRICT 13 - ELAINE MOORE**

**DISTRICT 15 - MANDY CASSELS**  
**DISTRICT 16 - SUE VEAH**

*—Thanks for your continued service*



## AIS LIAISON REPORTS



## HOUSTON AIS - DENA FISK

HELLO from Houston Intergroup.... We support Districts 4,5,7,14,15,16, and 17. We are still losing money monthly and have not recovered. We had a wonderful fund raiser that helped the bottom line, thank you to everyone who participated. We still need your support - please continue to attend the Intergroup Speaker Meetings and functions.

CALLING ALL ISR'S. Please encourage your groups to elect an ISR. Also, we would love to have each district to elect an ISR to come to the meetings and find out what is happening in Intergroup.

The next ISR meeting will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 5pm on zoom. You do not have to be an ISR to join and find out the updates of Intergroup. Please, share and encourage any and all to attend. If you need additional information, please contact me.

Dena Fisk AIS — [denagail@aol.com](mailto:denagail@aol.com).



*No AIS Reports —*

**AUSTIN AIS - LINDA BYERS**  
**BEAUMONT AIS - DANA BROWN**  
**HOUSTON HISPANIC AIS - MIRNA AGUILAR**  
**SAN ANTONIO AIS - CANDY NEAL**

*—Thanks for your continued service*

## Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting

### Pearland, TX—August 23, 2025

**Opening/Welcome** – Peggy T. opened the meeting at 9:30 am with The Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts of Service and the Primary Function of the AWSC were read from the 2022-2025 *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. AWSC members and guests were introduced, announcements were made, and Peggy thanked District 4 for hosting the meeting.

**Secretary** – Paula H. called roll; 26 voting AWSC members were present. It was decided by consensus to use a 2/3 voting method: 17 members. The minutes from the May 16, 2025 AWSC meeting, which were emailed to AWSC members in advance of the meeting, were approved as amended.

#### REPORTS

##### 1. Policy and Suggested Guidelines Committee

a. **Group Transfer Policy between Districts and Zip Codes** – Mattie T. stated that the Policies and Guidelines Committee suggests reverting back to the original language that was published on p. 21 of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2024 *Beacon* for presentation at the November 2024 Assembly. The policy would address both transfers between counties or zip code. (However, due to time constraints, the transfer policy was not discussed at the November 2024 Assembly.) After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION #1 – I, Terri D., move that the AWSC approve and return to the November 2024 Assembly language to change verbiage for zip code transfers “to and from any” District organized by zip code, including Districts 5 and 14-17. Seconded by Dena F.**

**MOTION PASSED This group transfer policy will be discussed and possibly voted on by the GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.**

b. **Procedure for Handbook Updates** – Rosie M. – The Area has a Policy and Guidelines Handbook which is revised periodically. A method for establishing and modifying guidelines was proposed. After discussion the following motion was made:

**MOTION #2 – I, Delia B., move that a new tab in our Policy and Guidelines Handbook be added as Section III. – Guidelines for Establishing or Modifying Guidelines. Seconded by Mirna A.**

**MOTION PASSED The proposed section III. to be added to the handbook will be discussed and possibly voted on by the GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.**

c. **Review of Recommended Handbook Updates – Policies and Guidelines** – Kevin H.—There is a need for clarifying guidelines on making motions. Suggested guidelines for making motions were discussed. After discussion, the following motions were made:

**MOTION #3 I, Dena F., move that we accept changes to the motion process to include first and last name of motion maker and person seconded in the Guidelines Handbook and motion form. Seconded by Terri D. MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION #4 I, Anna A., move that we accept changes to the motion process to include first and last name of motion maker and person seconding as well as in the body of the motion for elections in the Guidelines Handbook and motion form. Seconded by Paula H.**

**MOTION PASSED The proposed section of the handbook regarding the motion process will be discussed and possibly voted on by GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.**

##### 2. Adding Alateen Groups to the Area's Current Policy Allowing Electronic Al-Anon Meetings to Be a Part of Our Area – Anna A. and Dirk M.

—Texas East has electronic Al-Anon groups as part of the Area service structure. The following question needs to be considered: **Is the Texas East Area in support of accepting Electronic Alateen Groups into the Area service structure?** Dirk M. (Area Alateen Coordinator), Sylvia M. (Area Alateen Process Person), Peggy T. (Area Chair), and Anna A. (Area Delegate) have addressed this question based on the minimum World Service Conference (WSC) Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (EASBRs) for Alateen participation, electronic Alateen groups, and the Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service – Electronic (AMIAS-E) certification process. After discussion the following motion was made:

**MOTION #5 – I, Sylvia M., move that we approve allowing electronic Alateen groups into our Area service structure. Seconded by Dirk M.**

**MOTION PASSED The proposal to accept electronic Alateen groups into our Area service structure will be discussed and possibly voted on by GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.**

3. **Delegate** – Anna A. presented three reports. **PLEASE read her full reports in the 2025 4<sup>th</sup> quarter *Beacon*.** The first report was the Chairperson of the Board Letter. It included: 1. a strategies' update with additions, data and scope changes, completed activities; 2. financial matters with a revised budget and equalized expense; 3. “Beyond the Group Level” on World Service Office (WSO) Volunteer Applications; 4. a Conference Leadership Team Update; 5. a Finance Update with income, expenses, investments, and net increase/(decrease). Other parts of Anna's report included Choosing a Group's Name Policy Request for Feedback, the All Texas Al-Anon/Alateen Conference (ATAAC), and Electronic Alateen Validation and Implementation Planning.

4. **Officer Qualification Thought Force** – Allyn D.—The Thought Force was charged with reviewing Texas East Officer qualifications to possibly identify changes and develop recommendations. There were two sets of proposed changes presented; one set was proposed recommendations for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Chair; the other set were proposed recommendations for Treasurer and Secretary. In the proposed recommendation for Treasurer and Secretary, it states: “Previous or current service experience as a District Representative (DR) or Alternate District Representative preferred; current service experience as a Group Representative with at least two (2) years of active participation in Al-Anon is required.” After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION #6 – I, Dirk M., move that we adopt the new East Texas Officer qualifications as presented by the Officer Qualification Thought Force, with the addition of Alternate GR and removal of the word “current” before GR/Alternate GR. Seconded by Candy N.**

**MOTION PASSED The proposed Officer qualifications will be discussed and possibly voted on by the GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.**

5. **Dual Membership – Clarification and Alignment with WSO guidelines on dual membership and Coordinator eligibility** – Anna A.- The issue was addressed of whether Area Coordinators could be dual members (Al-Anon and Alcoholic Anonymous-A.A.). No mention of dual membership is included in the service position descriptions for Texas East Area Coordinators. The 2022-2025 *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, pp. 87 and 159 were used as references. On p. 159 it states: “All Al-Anon members, except those who are also members of A.A., are eligible to serve as an Area Coordinator.” After discussion the following motion was made:

**MOTION #7—I, Joyce Y., move that Coordinators not be a member of AA to qualify to serve as Area Coordinator in the Texas East Area. Seconded by Paula H.**

**MOTION PASSED The report on dual membership will be discussed and possibly voted on by GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.**

## LUNCH – BUSINESS MEETING RESUMED AT 1:17 pm

6. **Pass the Basket – Joyce Y.**—announced to Paula H., Secretary, that \$235 was collected for District 4 to help reimburse their expenses for hosting the AWSC meeting. \$224 was collected for the Area.
7. **Financial Report – Joyce Y.**—Total income from January 2025 through July 31, 2025 for the Area is \$14,310.44. Total expenses for the same time period are \$12,643.92. Joyce's Financial Report will be in the 2025 4<sup>th</sup> quarter *Beacon*.
8. **Proposed 2026 Budget – Joyce Y. and Finance Committee**—The Proposed 2026 Budget will be in the 2025 4<sup>th</sup> quarter *Beacon*. There was a discussion about reducing the Delegate's Expenses to attend the 2026 WSC from \$3,700 to \$3,200, based on information provided by WSO.

The following motion was made after discussing the 2026 Budget:

**MOTION #8- I, Mandy C., on 8/23/25, make a motion to approve the proposed 2026 budget as amended for the reduction of the Delegate's WSC expenses to \$3,200 with a corresponding reduction to contribution income. Seconded by Lynn P.**

**MOTION PASSED The Proposed 2026 Budget will be discussed and possibly voted on by GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.**

9. **Directors and Officers Insurance Proposal – Joyce Y and Finance Committee**—Directors and Officers Insurance protects Area Officers from personal finance loss if sued for making decisions while serving. It covers legal fees, settlements, and related costs. Most Areas have this type of insurance. The Area has received a quote of \$761 per year for \$1,000,000 coverage. The committee is also researching liability insurance for Assemblies, AWSC, and possibly Alateen. After discussion the following motions were made:

**MOTION #9—I, Kevin H., move that the Area obtain quotes on (a) Directors and Officers Insurance, and (b) general liability insurance for presentation to Group Representatives for review and approval. Seconded by Priscilla F. MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION #10—I, Linda B., make a motion that the Area obtain D and O Insurance based on the recommendations of the Finance Committee and that it be purchased as soon as possible. Seconded by Kurt N.**

**MOTION PASSED The Directors and Officers Insurance Proposal will be discussed and possibly voted on by GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.**

10. **Determination of Excess Funds – Joyce Y. and Finance Committee**—The methodology for determining excess funds is being examined. There was discussion about total cash in the bank accounts, earmarked funds, and outstanding seed money for Assemblies. After much discussion, the method was not resolved, and the Finance Committee will continue working on how to determine excess funds.
11. **Recommendation to increase reserve funds – Joyce Y. and Finance Committee**—The reserve fund addresses unforeseen financial emergencies and ensure organization stability during unexpected events. The current ample reserve is \$20,000 being held in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) with interest. Because of increased travel and facility expenses for the Area, the Finance Committee is recommending that \$5,000 be added from excess funds for a total reserve of \$25,000. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION #11—I, Mirna A., move that the reserve fund be increased by \$5,000 for a total of \$25,000, roughly equivalent to one year's operating expenses. Seconded by Kevin H.**

**MOTION PASSED The recommendation to increase reserve funds will be discussed and possibly voted on by GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.**

12. **Thought Force on Area's Excess Funds – Carol F.** reported that our Area currently has \$35,761 in excess funds. Several recommendations were made for using these excess funds, including contributing \$5,000 to WSO, purchasing technical equipment in support of the AWSC's hybrid initiative for hybrid AWSC meetings, purchasing a public outreach billboard for \$3,700, and purchasing and donating a copy of *How Al-Anon Works* for each public library in our Area. After discussion the following motion was made:

**MOTION #12—I, Dena F., move that we approve purchasing hybrid equipment for the Area of approximately \$5000 and table the remaining ideas until we receive a true, accurate excess amount. Seconded by Terri D.**

**MOTION PASSED The recommendation to approve purchasing hybrid equipment for the Area will be discussed and possibly voted on by GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.**

13. **Single Trustee Selection Process – Anna A.** presented a report on WSO's Single Trustee Selection Process. Regional Trustees and Trustees-At-Large will still exist. WSO's Task Force identified three options for a single process. Of the three options, the AWSC preferred Option Three, which would maintain the Conference Committee on Trustees as is but expand its mandate to include reviewing all Trustee applications. It would also eliminate the Area's approval for Regional Trustee resumes and would obtain feedback from the Delegates in each Region.

Anna will need our Area's feedback to take to the 2026 WSC. Information on the three options regarding the Single Trustee Selection Process will be sent to DRs prior to the November 2025 Assembly to disseminate to the GRs, as GR input is needed. This topic will also be covered in the pre-Assembly preparation Zoom sessions that will be given by Myrthala C., Alternate Delegate.

14. **Area Meeting Publishing List Policy – Anna A.** received an email from WSO's Executive Director asking that more specific guidelines be included in the draft policy to help facilitate acceptance by the WSO. The Task Force will continue working on revisions, which will be sent to DRs. Although there is no specific time frame for resubmitting the final draft of our Area's policy to WSO, the Task Force will continue to work on the policy draft as quickly as possible. The AWSC will discuss this again in January 2026.

15. **The Beacon Task Force – Delia B.** reported that the Task Force had received many requests to include personal stories in *The Beacon*. Submission guidelines were given, and DRs will forward these guidelines to groups in their districts. DRs will also continue to forward *The Beacon* to groups.

16. **Assembly Preparation Task Force – Allyn D.** presented the Task Force's recommendations. They are: 1. One month prior to Assembly the final draft of the Assembly Agenda with supporting documents and a Power Point explaining Assembly procedures are published and sent to DRs; 2. Three weeks prior to Assembly electronic training sessions are offered, and all Assembly attendees are highly encouraged to attend; 3. One month prior to the Assembly, DRs are encouraged to schedule their own training sessions with groups in their Districts; 4. The morning of the Assembly, prior to the Assembly, the Alternate Delegate, Myrthala C., will conduct a GR interchange session to review the final agenda items that will be presented for voting.

17. **Program of Sponsors Sharing Everything (POSSE) Committee Recommendations** – Kimberly G. stated that the committee's recommendations are intended to ensure clarity in authority, financial responsibility, and event management, while maintaining adherence to Al-Anon's Traditions, Concepts, and policies. (Please read the full report in the 2025 4<sup>th</sup> quarter *Beacon*.) Mentioned in the report were the following: Alateen Event Structure and Naming Conventions, Authority and Oversight of Alateen Initiatives, Financial Management of Alateen Initiatives, and Clarification of Texas East Area Alateen Conference (TEA AC) and POSSE Founding Member Roles. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION #13 – I, Priscilla F., move that we adopt the recommendations of the POSSE Solution Committee as presented on August 23, 2025.**  
**Seconded by Elaine M.**

**MOTION PASSED** The recommendations of the POSSE Solution Committee will be discussed and possibly voted on by GRs at the November 2025 Assembly.

18. **Honoring Those Who Have Served Thought Force** – Due to time constraints, this item was tabled for discussion until the next stand alone AWSC meeting in January 2026.

19. **Task Force Hybrid AWSC Meeting** – Ted called for volunteers besides himself, Kurt, and Glynn to serve on the Task Force. The Task Force believes that a central location would be optional for the hybrid meetings. It is estimated that \$2,000 was saved on today's AWSC meeting, due to members not having travel expenses.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Fall 2025 AWSC meeting/Assembly will be held November 7-9, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Victoria, TX. The Fall AWSC meeting will be on Friday, November 7, 2025. It will be hosted by District 3/Support District 4.
2. The Winter 2026 AWSC meeting will be held January 24, 2026. A Host District and place are needed.
3. The Spring 2026 Area Assembly will be May 15-17, 2026 at Camp Allen in Navasota, TX. It will be hosted by District 7/Support District 6.
4. The Summer 2026 AWSC meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026. It will be hosted by District 14.
5. The Fall 2026 AWSC meeting/Assembly will be held November 6-8, 2026 in Houston. It will be hosted by District 5/Support District 8. **THIS IS AN ELECTION ASSEMBLY.**
6. *The Beacon* deadlines (per Delia B.) are quarterly. The next deadline is OCTOBER 3, and other deadlines are January 3, April 3, and July 3.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm with the Al-Anon Declaration in Spanish and English.

### TEXAS EAST (ETAAA) Contributions

**By Check**—Payable to **ETAAA Treasurer**

**Mail to:** **ETAAA Treasurer**  
**P O Box 337**  
**Pearland TX 77588**

**By Zeffy**

<https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/066dff04-f1b3-42eb-addb-386a859c3268>



For groups, please include WSO Group ID No., Group Name, and District No. (if possible)

Questions: Contact Joyce Y., Area Treas.  
[txtreasurerp64@gmail.com](mailto:txtreasurerp64@gmail.com)

### PLEASE SHARE...

in Writing about Your Relationship with Finances in Al-Anon Recovery. So that we might learn from one another, please share your experience of using Al-Anon principles to develop a healthier relationship with finances.

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# ETAAA FINANCIAL REPORT



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY — JANUARY 1—SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Distribution account	Jan 2025 - Mar 2025	Apr 2025 - Jun 2025	Jul 2025 - Sep 2025	YTD Total	Budget	Over (-Under) Budget
Income						
Assembly Net (Excluding Seed Money)			2,074.73	2,074.73	3,000.00	-925.27
AWSC Collections	186.00	221.00	244.00	651.00	0.00	651.00
Contributions Income					23,872.00	-23,872.00
Districts	248.83	140.79	425.00	814.62	0.00	
Groups	5,499.84	3,241.45	5,016.66	13,757.95	0.00	
Individual Members	69.01	160.00	60.00	289.01	0.00	
<b>Total for Contributions Income</b>	<b>5,817.68</b>	<b>3,542.24</b>	<b>5,501.66</b>	<b>\$14,861.58</b>	<b>23,872.00</b>	<b>-9,010.42</b>
Interest Income on CD	632.96	269.22	272.72	1,174.90	700.00	474.90
Miscellaneous Income	-0.23	25.00		24.77	0.00	24.77
Spring Birthday Basket (WSO)		1,088.00		1,088.00	1,300.00	-212.00
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>6,636.41</b>	<b>5,145.46</b>	<b>8,093.11</b>	<b>\$19,874.98</b>	<b>28,872.00</b>	<b>-8,997.02</b>
Cost of Goods Sold						
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>6,636.41</b>	<b>5,145.46</b>	<b>8,093.11</b>	<b>\$19,874.98</b>	<b>28,872.00</b>	<b>-8,997.02</b>
Expenses						
Background Checks	87.00	435.00	34.80	556.80	785.00	-228.20
Other Expenses						
Bank Fees	-0.23		38.00	37.77	0.00	37.77
Miscellaneous Expense		361.33		361.33	0.00	361.33
Misc Workgroup/Workshop Expense			10.20	10.20	0.00	10.20
Post Office Box Rental/Postage				0.00	190.00	-190.00
Storage Unit for Archives	243.00	243.00	243.00	729.00	972.00	-243.00
Web Hosting Fee (Domain)		131.97		131.97	235.00	-103.03
WebBased Conferencing (Platform)	0	0.00	0	0.00	85.00	-85.00
<b>Total for Other Expenses</b>	<b>242.77</b>	<b>736.30</b>	<b>291.20</b>	<b>\$1,270.27</b>	<b>1,482.00</b>	<b>-211.73</b>
South Central Regional Delegates Meeting						
Active Past Delegates	250.09	367.82		617.91	3,000.00	-2,382.09
Alternate Delegate	755.98			755.98	835.00	-79.02
Chair	546.94			546.94	835.00	-288.06
Delegate		277.36		277.36	835.00	-557.64
<b>Total for South Central Regional Delegates Meeting</b>	<b>1,553.01</b>	<b>645.18</b>		<b>\$2,198.19</b>	<b>5,505.00</b>	<b>-3,306.81</b>
Travel and Position Expenses						
Active Past Delegates	60.26	409.73	459.32	929.31	3,000.00	-2,070.69
Alateen Coordinator				0.00	800.00	-800.00
Alateen Process Person		319.48	151.20	470.68	1,000.00	-529.32
Alternate Delegate		716.05		716.05	1,500.00	-783.95
Archives Coordinator		807.34		807.34	700.00	107.34
Beacon Editor	85.31	276.03		361.34	500.00	-138.66

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Chair	284.83	511.98		796.81	1,000.00	-203.19
Delegate	219.77	714.13	307.46	1,241.36	1,300.00	-58.64
Group Records Coordinator		424.00	223.61	647.61	500.00	147.61
Past Area Chairpersons			36.80	36.80	900.00	-863.20
Public Outreach Coordinator	42.74	490.90		533.64	600.00	-66.36
Secretary	43.96	430.27	77.20	551.43	700.00	-148.57
Spanish Coordinator				0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Technology Coordinator		69.73	303.98	373.71	700.00	-326.29
Treasurer	80.68	285.03		365.71	920.00	-554.29
QuickBooks License		83.71		83.71	80.00	3.71
<b>Total for Treasurer</b>	<b>80.68</b>	<b>368.74</b>		<b>\$449.42</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>-550.58</b>
<b>Total for Travel and Position Expenses</b>	<b>817.55</b>	<b>5,538.38</b>	<b>1,559.57</b>	<b>\$7,915.50</b>	<b>15,400.00</b>	<b>-7,484.50</b>
World Service Conference						
Area's Gifts to WSC	300.00			300.00	300.00	0.00
Delegates Expenses to Attend WSC				0.00	3,700.00	-3,700.00
	400.00			400.00	400.00	0.00
<b>Total for World Service Conference</b>	<b>700.00</b>			<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>	<b>-3,700.00</b>
WSO Contributions (Spring Basket)		1,088.00		1,088.00	1,300.00	-212.00
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>3,400.33</b>	<b>8,442.86</b>	<b>1,885.57</b>	<b>\$13,728.76</b>	<b>28,872.00</b>	<b>-15,143.24</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>3,236.08</b>	<b>-3,297.40</b>	<b>6,207.54</b>	<b>\$6,146.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

**East Texas Al-Anon-Alateen Assembly (ETAAA)**  
**Checking Accounts and Seed Money Outstanding**  
**As of September 30, 2025**

Distribution account	Total	
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Certificate of Deposit-PNC Bank	20,000.00	
Checking-PNC-Operating	54,395.94	*Includes \$5655.30 from POSSE checking account that was closed
<b>Total for Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$74,395.94</b>	
<b>Assembly Seed Money Outstanding</b>		
District 3, Fall 2026	3,500.00	
District 7, Spring 2025	3,500.00	
<b>Total Seed Money Outstanding</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	
<b>POSSE and TEA AC (Funds earmarked for Alateen)</b>		
Checking-PNC-POSSE	(See above)	
Checking-PNC-TEA AC	5,937.98	
<b>Total POSSE and TEA AC</b>	<b>5,937.98</b>	

## PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

Updated 8/23/2025 by Finance Committee

	Actual	2025 Budget	Over budget by	Percent of budget	2026 Budget	Difference	Difference
Income							
AWSC Collections	407.00	-	407		800		
Contributions Income	0.00	23,872	(23,872)		24,938		1,066
Assembly Collections Basket (Fall, stay in Area)							
Districts	389.62	-	390				
Groups	8,741.29	-	8,741				
Individual Members	229.01	-	229				
<b>Total for Contributions Income</b>	<b>\$9,359.92</b>	<b>23,872</b>	<b>(14,512)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,738</b>	<b>(1,866)</b>	<b>1,866</b>
Interest Income on CD	902.18	700	202	1	800	(100)	100
Miscellaneous Income	24.77	-	25		25	(25)	25
Spring Birthday Basket (WSO)	1,088.00	1,300	(212)	1	1,300		
Assembly Net (Excluding Seed Money)	0.00	3,000	(3,000)	-	3,000		
Beacon Subs & Contributions	0.00	-	-		-		
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$11,781.87</b>	<b>28,872</b>	<b>(17,090)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,863</b>	<b>(1,991)</b>	<b>1,991</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	-	-		-		
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$11,781.87</b>	<b>28,872</b>	<b>(17,090)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,863</b>	<b>(1,991)</b>	
Expenses							
Background Checks	522.00	785	(263)	1	700	85	(85)
Other Expenses	0.00	-	-				
Bank Fees	-0.23	-	(0)				
Copies-Newcomers packets, literature	361.33	-	361		400	(400)	400
Storage Unit for Archives	486.00	972	(486)	1	972		
Web Hosting Fee (Domain)	131.97	235	(103)	1	-	235	(235)
Audit Committee Expense	0.00	-	-		-		
Beacon Publishing	0.00	-	-		-		
Delegate's Exp to International Convention	0.00	-	-		-		
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	-	-				
Misc Workgroup/Workshop Expense	0.00	-	-		750	(750)	750
Post Office Box Rental/Postage	0.00	190	(190)	-	190		
Reserve Fund one Time Increase from Excess Funds							
Web-Based Conferencing (Platform)	0.00	85	(85)	-	85		
Transitional AWSC Meeting	0.00	-	-		-		
Directors & Officers Insurance					761	(761)	761
<b>Total for Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$979.07</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>(503)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3,158</b>		

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South Central Regional Delegates Meeting	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
Active Past Delegates	617.91	3,000	(2,382)	0	3,000	-
Alternate Delegate	755.98	835	(79)	1	835	-
Chair	546.94	835	(288)	1	835	-
Delegate	277.36	835	(558)	0	835	-
Immediate Past Delegate	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total for South Central Regional Delegates Meeting</b>	<b>\$2,198.19</b>	<b>5,505</b>	<b>(3,307)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,505</b>	<b>-</b>
Travel and Position Expenses	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
Active Past Delegates	929.31	3,000	2,071	0	3,000	-
Alateen Process Person	319.48	1,000	(681)	0	1,000	-
Alternate Delegate	716.05	1,500	(784)	0	1,500	-
Archives Coordinator	807.34	700	107	1	1,000	(300) 300
Beacon Editor	361.34	500	(139)	1	700	(200) 200
Chair	796.81	1,000	(203)	1	1,000	-
Delegate	933.90	1,300	(366)	1	1,300	-
Group Records Coordinator	647.61	500	148	1	700	(200) 200
Public Outreach Coordinator	533.64	600	(66)	1	700	(100) 100
Secretary	474.23	700	(226)	1	800	(100) 100
Technology Coordinator	69.73	700	(630)	0	700	-
Treasurer	365.71	920	(554)	0	920	-
QuickBooks License	83.71	80	4	1	80	-
Alateen Coordinator	0.00	800	(800)	-	800	-
Past Area Chairpersons	0.00	900	(900)	-	900	-
Spanish Coordinator	0.00	1,200	(1,200)	-	1,200	-
<b>Total for Travel and Position Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,075.66</b>	<b>15,400</b>	<b>8,324</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>-</b>
World Service Conference	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
Area's Gifts to WSC	300.00	300	-	1	300	-
Delegate's Incidental Expenses to WSC	400.00	400	-	1	400	-
Delegate's Expenses to Attend WSC	0.00	3,700	(3,700)	-	3,200	500
<b>Total for World Service Conference</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>(3,700)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>500</b>
WSO Contributions (Spring Basket)	1,088.00	1,300	(212)	1	1,300	-
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,562.92</b>	<b>28,872</b>	<b>(16,309)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,863</b>	<b>(1,991) 1,991</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>0.00</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$781.05</b>	<b>Balanced</b>			<b>Balanced</b>	

# 2025 FALL ETAAA ASSEMBLY – PROPOSED AGENDA

<b>East Texas Area Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA)</b>		
<b>Fall Area Assembly - Proposed Agenda (Draft as of 10/3/25)</b>		
<b>Hilton Garden Inn, 123 Huvar Street, Victoria, TX</b>		
<b>Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 8:15 AM to 5:30 PM</b>		discussion and possible vote
<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Interchanges</b>	<b>~Time Allotted</b>
<b>8:15 AM</b>	Group Representative Interchange with Myrthala C, our Alternate Delegate	60
<b>8:15 AM</b>	District Representative Interchange with Anna A, our Delegate	60
<b>8:15 AM</b>	Area Information Service Liaison Interchange with Allyn D	60
<b>8:15 AM</b>	Area Officers, Coordinators, and All Others Interchange with Lorna F	60
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Business Meeting</b>	
<b>1</b>	Open with the Serenity Prayer (Peggy T, Area Chairperson)	2
<b>2</b>	Welcome – Readings:	7
	a. Twelve Traditions (p. 14-15 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual)	0
	b. Twelve Concepts of Service and General Warranties of the Conference, (p. 16-17)	0
	c. The purpose of the Area Assembly (p. 160 [top paragraph only]))	0
<b>3</b>	Introductions: First-Time Texas East Assembly Attendees	5
<b>4</b>	Meet a New Friend – Find someone you haven't met before and exchange names, where you're from, and a fun fact (like a hobby or interest).	5
<b>5</b>	Opening remarks	4
<b>6</b>	Housekeeping:	5
	a. Take bio-breaks at will.	0
	b. Please use the microphone so everyone can hear clearly (and so the recording for the minutes is accurate).	0
	i. Please try not to repeat points already shared, so we have time for all voices.	0
	ii. Please keep shares to about 2 minutes so everyone has a chance.	0
	iii. Please limit to one share per topic to ensure broad participation.	0
	iv. Please avoid side conversations so everyone can hear.	0
<b>7</b>	Voice/vote: Everyone at the Assembly has a voice but only the Group Representatives (GRs) or their alternates have a vote. (i.e., one vote per group)	1
<b>8</b>	Secretary (Paula H) - Roll call of Group Representatives; Voting: Two-Thirds Majority [2/3 * number of voters] or Majority [50% *number of voters plus 1]	15
<b>9</b>	Practice electronic voting (majority or super majority) (You can also vote using paper. Give your ballot to Paula.)	10
<b>10</b>	Approve minutes from Spring Assembly (vote)	10
<b>11</b>	Spring 2026 Assembly Update from District Representative from host District 7	2
<b>12</b>	Fall 2026 Assembly Update from District Representative from host District 5 (Lisa H)	2
<b>13</b>	<b>Shake your Booty! Sing and/or dance to "Ain't No Stopping Us Now" by McFadden &amp; White</b>	5
<b>14</b>	Treasurer's Report - Year to date 2025 - Actual vs. Budget, Joyce Y, Treasurer; Discussion, Q&A	15
<b>15</b>	Finance Committee recommendation to purchase Directors and Officers insurance (discussion and possible vote)	15
<b>16</b>	Proposed Budget for 2026 from the Finance Committee, Joyce (discussion and possible vote)	20

17	<b>Fellowship break - dancing /singing optional to "Flashdance What a Feeling" by Irene Cara</b>	5
18	Finance Committee recommendation to increase reserve funds by \$5,000 (discussion and possible vote)	15
19	Thought Force Report - Calculation of excess funds - to be determined - One recommendations for the use of excess funds: the purchase of \$5,000 in equipment for hybrid meeting format, Carolyn F intro and Ted as presenter (discussion and possible vote)	15
20	<b>Reports / Announcements from Group A: Area Coordinators and Other Trusted Servants (2 minutes each; timed) (See separate list.)</b>	20
	<b>Lunch and Fellowship Break, at around 12:30</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Afternoon Business Meeting</b>	
21	Delegate's Sharing (Anna A)	20
22	Alternate Delegate's Sharing (Myrthala C)	10
	Special Reading	4
23	Can Alateen groups be added to our current policy allowing electronic Al-Anon meetings to be a part of our Area? Dirk (discussion and possible vote)	10
24	Recommendations from the POSSE Solution Committee, Kimberly (discussion and possible vote)	15
25	Change Area Coordinator qualifications to exclude current A.A. members - to align with our Al-Anon Service manual, Anna A (discussion and possible vote)	10
26	Pass the basket for the Area [Tradition 7] (The QR Code for making electronic contributions are on the table; cash and checks are welcome, too)	2
27	<b>Reports / Announcements from Group B: District Representatives from District 1 to District 10. See separate list.</b>	20
28	<b>Shake your Booty! Sing and or dance to "Respect" by Aretha Franklin</b>	5
29	Special topic - To be announced	30
30	Group Transfer Policy – Revise policy related to the transfer of groups between districts, including those defined by Zip Code, Mattie (discussion and possible vote)	15
32	Proposed Procedure for Updates to the Policy and Guidelines Handbook, Rosie (discussion and possible vote)	10
31	<b>Fellowship break</b>	5
33	Review of Recommended Updates to the Policy and Guidelines Handbook, Kevin (discussion and possible vote)	15
34	Change the Area's motion process to include the first and last name of the motion maker and the person seconding, as well as in the body for elections	10
35	<b>Reports / Announcements from Group C: District Representatives from District 12 to District 17 and All Area Information Service Liaisons. See separate list.</b>	22
36	The Beacon, Reconsidered and Reimagined, Task Force update, Lorna F	2
38	General Announcements	2
39	<b>Save the Dates:</b>	1
a	The quarterly Beacon deadlines per Delia, the editor, are on the 3rd of the month each quarter. The next deadline is 1/3/26; then 4/3/26, 7/3/26 and 10/3/26.	
b	The Winter 2026 AWSC meeting will be hosted by District __ at on Saturday, January 24, 2026. Guests are welcome.	<b>A host district is needed</b>
d	The 2026 Spring Area Assembly, hosted by District 7, is May 15-17, 2026 at Camp Allen, 18800 FM 362 in Navasota, TX (Please help get the word out to your groups and encourage participation for the benefit of their recovery. Guests are welcome.) Note: the AWSC will meet the night before the Assembly principally to approve the Assembly agenda.	
c	The Summer 2026 AWSC meeting will be hosted by District 14 at on Saturday, August 29, 2026. Guests are welcome.	
d	The Fall 2026 Area Assembly, hosted by District 5, is November __, 2026 at _____ in Houston, TX (Please help get the word out to your groups and encourage participation for the benefit of their recovery. Guests are welcome.) Note: the AWSC will meet the night before the Assembly principally to approve the Assembly agenda.	
Let It Begin with		Que empiece por mí
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,		Cuando alguien, dondequiero que sea pida
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen		ayuda, que nunca falte allí la mano de Al-Anon y
always be there, and -- Let It Begin with Me.		Alateen, y Que empiece por mí.

## TALKING POINTS: D&O Insurance Proposal

- What it is: D&O insurance protects our Area officers from personal financial loss if sued for decisions made while serving. It covers legal fees, settlements, and related costs.
- Quote received: \$761 per year for \$1 million in coverage.
- Next step: If AWSC supports, we'll bring this to GRs in November for approval so coverage can begin right away.
- Background:
  - ETAAA had D&O insurance in the past, but it lapsed in 2014 after the sudden passing of the Area Treasurer. At that time the focus was on reinstating the Area's 501(c)(3), so renewing D&O coverage was never addressed.
  - Other Areas have shared that legal fees alone could far exceed Area funds.
  - Officers as well as the Area itself could be sued.
- What others are doing: Many Areas now carry D&O insurance, and some also add general liability coverage.

Looking ahead: We are also researching event liability insurance for Assemblies, AWSC, and possibly Alateen. This would cover venue requirements, property damage, medical expenses, and other risks. We'll bring that information in January 2026 at the AWSC meeting.

## Policy and Suggested Guidelines Committee

See links and highlighted areas within the documents to be prepared for discussion and likely vote at the Fall Assembly

### Policy & Suggested Guidelines

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### Policy & Suggested Guidelines Draft Excerpt

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## East Texas Al-Anon/Alateen (ETAAA) Policy and Guidelines Handbook

**"The Policy and Guidelines Handbook is a compilation of AWSC and Assembly motions in addition to the collective experience used in Texas East to address matters affecting the AWSC, Assemblies, and the Area as a whole."**

--INTRODUCTION

## Electronic Alateen Validation and Implementation Planning

The Electronic Alateen Validation and Implementation Planning Strategy is the initiative to include electronic Alateen meetings as part of an Area's service structure. This project goes all the way back to 2020 and after input from the Areas [Texas East submitted comments from our Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIASs) last year regarding the proposed behavioral requirements for AMIASEs], the World Service Office (WSO) Project Team is ready to move forward.

The Board of Trustees' Policy Committee has also completed its preliminary review of the World Service Conference Electronic Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (WSC EASBR). The Policy Committee concluded that a future implementation of the WSC EASBR is in alignment with the current Alateen Policy as it is written.

Since the 2024 WSC, the WSC EASBR was provided to general counsel along with a background and a request for a thorough review to confirm that the teens, the AMIAS-Es, and the organization will be adequately protected.

The Alateen certification cycle spans every year from July–June, so implementation in 2025 was not a possibility. However, the Areas have been asked if they think it's possible to consider a rollout in July 2026?

Texas East accepts electronic groups as part of its Area service structure, so we will need to answer the following question for electronic Alateen groups:

### **Is the Texas East Area in support of accepting Electronic Alateen Groups into the Area service structure?**

Dirk M. (Area Alateen Coordinator), Sylvia M. (Area Alateen Process Person), Peggy T. (Area Chair), and Anna A. (Area Delegate) have met to address this question based on the minimum WSC EASBRs for Alateen participation, electronic Alateen groups, and the AMIAS-E certification process. An update of that meeting was provided at the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting on August 23. After a discussion and additional comments by Dirk M., the AWSC voted to approve allowing electronic Alateen groups into the Area service structure. As part of the vote, this issue will be forward for a discussion and potential vote at the 2025 Fall Assembly.

## Texas East Area Al-Anon Family Groups

### POSSE Solution Committee Recommendations – April 1, 2025

#### **Introduction**

In alignment with the Texas East Area's commitment to Alateen service and based on the findings outlined in the Thought Force Charge, the following recommendations provide a structured framework for integrating Alateen-related initiatives such as the legacy TEA AC and POSSE events within the Area's operations. These recommendations are intended to ensure clarity in authority, financial responsibility, and event management, while maintaining adherence to Al-Anon's Traditions, Concepts, and policies.

These recommendations have been developed using the Knowledge-Based Decision-Making (KBDM) process, which guided the committee's exploration of background, needs, resources, and implications.

#### **Alateen Event Structure and Naming Conventions**

To ensure accessibility and transparency, events created to benefit Alateens and Alateen sponsors – including those considering service in this capacity – will utilize descriptive, event-specific names.

#### **Examples of Naming Conventions:**

- Weekend Away for Alateens: Fun and Connection
- Day for Alateen Sponsors – Growing Together (Hybrid Event)

#### **Authority and Oversight of Alateen Initiatives**

##### **1. Leadership Responsibility:**

- Alateen-related events shall be overseen by the Area Alateen Coordinator (AAC), who will be responsible for decisions regarding the frequency, format, and execution of events. The AAC will have the flexibility to adapt events based on the needs and priorities of Alateen within the Texas East Area.
- The AAC is encouraged to collaborate with District Alateen Coordinators, Group Representatives (GRs), Alateen sponsors, Alateens, and other Al-Anon members to ensure inclusivity in decision-making.

##### **2. Participation and Governance:**

- All Area AMIAS (Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) are encouraged to actively participate in Area Alateen initiatives.
- Event planning committees shall be open to AMIAS members who have been certified for at least two years before serving on a particular committee.
- Each committee will be established to manage and oversee a single event.
- The AAC shall serve as a standing member of all Alateen event committees.

##### **3. Utilization of Legacy Guidelines:**

- Existing written guidelines from TEA AC and POSSE shall serve as foundational resources for event planning committees.
- Each committee will review these guidelines and update them as necessary to align with current Area needs and practices. Updated guidelines will be sent to the AAC for archival records.

#### **Financial Management of Alateen Initiatives**

##### **1. Bank Account Consolidation:**

- The separate bank accounts currently maintained for TEA AC and POSSE will be closed.
- Any existing balances from these accounts shall be transferred to the Texas East Area bank account and earmarked **exclusively for Alateen initiatives**. These funds will not be managed under the general Area budget.

##### **2. Financial Oversight and Reporting:**

- The disbursement of funds designated for Alateen initiatives shall be managed by the Area Alateen Coordinator.
- Permitted uses of these funds include, but are not limited to:
  - Events for Alateen and Alateen sponsors
  - Public outreach efforts for Alateen
  - Alateen literature purchases
  - Other approved Alateen-related initiatives
- The AAC will provide detailed income and expense reports to the Area Treasurer, AWSC, and the Area Assembly as funds are allocated and used.

##### **3. Scholarship Consideration:**

- Committees planning Alateen-related events may offer partial or full scholarships to ensure financial accessibility for attendees.

#### **Clarification of TEA AC and POSSE Founding Member Roles**

- While recognizing the contributions of founding members of TEA AC and POSSE, these individuals shall not retain ongoing authority over the structure and functioning of Alateen-related events within the Area.
- All event decisions shall be made under leadership and governance structures as outlined above.

#### **Conclusion**

These recommendations aim to bring clarity, consistency, and financial responsibility to the Texas East Area's Alateen initiatives. By streamlining financial oversight, ensuring proper leadership structures, and maintaining alignment with Al-Anon's Traditions, Concepts, and policies, these changes will create a sustainable and transparent framework for Alateen service in the Area.

The POSSE Solution Committee appreciates the efforts of all members dedicated to Alateen service and looks forward to supporting the Area's continued commitment to strengthening Alateen programs.

#### **Committee Members:**

Peggy Tate, Area Chair

Ashley J, Current POSSE Chair

Lisa H, District Representative and AMIAS

Kimberly G, POSSE Co-founder

Dirk M, Area Alateen Coordinator

Sylvia M, District Representative, AMIAS, and Area Alateen Processing Person

## Policy Recommendation regarding Group Transfers to Another District

**Background:** A question arose about transfer of a group in a District defined by zip codes to a District defined by geographical boundaries. The Area Chair requested that the Committee review this request. Upon review of our Guidelines, the Policy Committee determined that the current guidelines would not cover this type of request and that a new policy about group's transferring to other Districts needed to be recommended to the AWSC and, if approved, recommended to the GRs at the next Assembly. The Committee used the Area's group transfer guideline and the policy and the Section **Miscellaneous: Renaming an Area, Changing a Group/District to a New Area** in the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, pg. 162 as a resource.

### Current Guidelines and Policy Section X. Area Transfers and Division

ETAAA follows the policy outlined in World Service Handbook for the division of Districts under the Definition of a District. Districts are convenient segments into which an Area is divided by the Area World Service Committee, with the approval of the Assembly.

1. Suggested Guideline: The current map of the Area be located on the Area website or in an electronically accessible format.
2. Electronic Meetings can be a part of the Area, provided they meet the Electronic Group policy (Nov. 5, 2022). **This will be moved to the Electronic Group policy section.**
3. Suggested Guideline for the transfer of geographic Groups from one District to another District, based on input from the WSO and geographical considerations:
  - a. All Groups in one county agree to transfer from their current District to an adjoining District. Groups generally do not petition to join a District that is not geographically next to their current District.
  - b. When a new Group is formed, they are automatically assigned to the District of their geographical county by the GRC.
  - c. Each Group petitions their current District requesting to transfer to an adjoining District.
  - d. Each Group petitions the adjoining District to request transfer to the adjoining District.
  - e. If the Districts agree, the DRs from both Districts present a request to the AWSC that the groups be transferred.
  - f. If the AWSC agrees with the DRs, the AWSC will recommend that affirmation of the transfer of the group(s) be presented to the Assembly.
  - g. The Assembly affirms the recommendation.
  - h. Districts may split with approval by the AWSC and the Assembly.

### Proposed Policy and Rearranging of Section X

#### X. Group Transfers and District Divisions

ETAAA follows the procedure outlined in World Service Handbook for the transfer of Groups and the division of Districts. As defined in World Service Handbook, a District is comprised of groups segmented either by geography within a geographic Area or other commonality within a nongeographic Area.

1. Guideline: The current map of the Area be located on the Area website or in an electronically accessible format.
2. Group Transfer Policy: Through a group conscience and following Area procedures, Groups, which are located in a first District contiguous with a second District, may choose to participate in the second District and give up participation in the first District, as agreed upon by both Districts. – Note: this is wording taken from the Service Manual concerning Areas.
3. Procedure for Group Transfer:
  - a. County-Wide Transfer (e.g., for transfers between any of Districts 1-4, 6-10, 12, and 13):
    - i. Through a group conscience, all Groups of Al-Anon and Alateen, which are of the first District and located in a county contiguous with the second District, agree to transfer from the first District to the second District.
    - ii. Each of the Groups petitions the first District for consent to transfer to the second District.
    - iii. Each of the Groups petitions the second District for consent to receive transfer from the first District.
    - iv. If the Districts consent, the respective DRs petition the AWSC for consent to the transfer(s).
    - v. If the AWSC consents, the AWSC will recommend that the Area's Group Representatives affirm the transfer(s) at the Assembly.
    - vi. If the Group Representatives affirm the transfer(s), the Area will present the transfer(s) to the WSO for processing in accordance with the WSO's procedures.
    - vii. Upon completion of the WSO's procedures, the transfer(s) will become effective.
  - b. Zip-Code Transfer (for transfers to and from any District organized by zip code, for example, Districts 5 and 1417):
    - i. Through a group conscience, all Groups of Al-Anon and Alateen, which are of the first District and located in a zip-code contiguous with the second District, agree to transfer from the first District to the second District.
    - ii. Follow steps (ii)-(vii) as provided for County-Wide transfers.
4. District Division Policy: As stated on page 156 of the "World Service Handbook" vs3 "An advantage of dividing into smaller Districts is that they can be covered more conveniently by the DRs." Districts may divide with approval by the AWSC and the Assembly.

Activities and Report **AWSC Hybrid Meeting Thought Force** December 18, 2024

## BACKGROUND & CHARGE

On February 3, 2024, the East Texas Area World Service Committee (AWSC) created a Thought Force to think through offering a “hybrid” format at stand-alone AWSC meetings which occur separate from the Assemblies.

A hybrid meeting is an in-person meeting with an electronic component so that some attendees can participate online, that could possibly:

- Allow the Area to reduce travel expenses for these meetings
- increase the likelihood of attendance for those who do not have the time to travel

The AWSC Hybrid Meeting Task Force was charged to determine if hybrid meetings could truly provide these benefits to the ASWC by:

- Using all available background information and resource materials
- Considering all the details on how a hybrid format could be provided for stand-alone AWSC meetings
- Including the costs and other resources needed and the logistics around it

## THOUGHT FORCE ACTIVITES

### KDBM

The Thought Force used Knowledge Based Decision Making (KDBM) throughout its work to ensure the five key elements of Equality, Honesty and Generosity, Patience, Understanding and Trust, and Acceptance and Trust, consistently considering the questions:

1. What do we know about our members' needs, wants and preferences that relates to this discussion?
2. What do we know about our resources relative to this issue?
3. What do we know about our “culture” or “environment” (technology, our steps, traditions, concepts, spiritual principles) that relates to this issue?
4. What are the implications of our choices (pros and cons)?
5. What do we not know about this issue that we wish we knew?
6. How do Al-Anon's legacies apply to this issue?

### Survey

The Thought Force began its efforts by surveying other Al-Anon Members who were already conducting hybrid meetings. The survey queried Members on the perceived benefits, challenges, and experiences of their hybrid meetings.

- 34 Members responded to the survey, 29 fully completed it
- 60% Reported hybrid meetings an effective alternative to face-to-face meetings
- 97% Reported that they already had the technology needed to join a Zoom-type of meeting
- 97% Reported that they would be willing to be on camera during a virtual meeting
- Primary benefits listed: (a) reduced travel time and cost; (b) increased number of attendees, especially for those unable to travel
- Challenges listed: (a) inability to easily “raise a hand”; (b) difficulty hearing, speaking, and/or seeing; (c) the need for a good facilitator; (d) being able to maintain attention; and (e) technical issues
- Statements raised about adoption of hybrid meetings were listed as both it being a good and needed option, and concerns about standardizing a meeting location/technology and loss of fellowship

The Survey revealed that those responding are:

- Willing and technically/connectively prepared to attend hybrid meetings and feel they are effective alternatives to face-to-face meetings
- Agree that hybrid meetings save time and travel costs and can increase attendance
- Point to the need for good meeting facilitation and Audio/Visual (A/V) functionality for optimal effectiveness

With the benefits of hybrid meetings established, the Thought Force next focused on the issue of A/V functionality, which included both good equipment and a stable/consistent meeting location.

### Search for a Suitable Existing Hybrid Meeting Site

The Thought Force networked with Area Al-Anon Districts and Groups and discovered that District 6 has an established hybrid meeting location at the Cedar Park Community Center. After investigation, suggesting this as a consistent location for AWSC hybrid meetings was abandoned based on the following considerations:

- Membership Requirements:
  - Payment for Room Use: Involves costs associated with renting the space
  - Member Presence: A District 6 quarterly meeting attendee must be present for all meetings and attend the entirety of each session
  - Cleanup Responsibilities: The member is responsible for cleaning tasks, including:
    - Cleaning bathrooms
    - Vacuuming the meeting room
- Room Size Limitations:
  - The existing room is too small for the AWSC's needs
  - There is a larger alternative room (next door) but no one has seen this space equipment and its operation.

- Membership Consideration:

—If the AWSC or Area desired to use the center independently of a District 6 attendee, it would need to obtain its own membership.

Based on these factors, the Thought Force realized two options were required for hybrid AWSC meetings due to the considerations of A/V equipment and its operation.

### AWSC HYBRID MEETING LOCATION RECOMMENDATION

Because A/V equipment will need to be used and operated for AWSC meetings, thus:

- It will need to be stored between ASWS hybrid meetings
- It will need to be transported between meeting locations, should those locations (cities) vary
- It will need to be set up and operated by appropriately skilled operator(s)

For these reasons, the Thought Force recommends one of the two options for AWSC hybrid meetings:

- Option 1: Establish a standard/consistent location for every AWSC (hybrid) meeting

—This would mean leveraging an existing District or AFG hybrid meeting facility or room large enough for AWSC meetings and suitable for use of the necessary A/V equipment

—This location should be convenient for those AWSC members who travel, either have A/V equipment available or have a secure location to be able to store the Area's A/V equipment, and have skilled A/V operators readily available, either locally or consistently provided by the AWSC

—This location would remain stable and unchanging for all AWSC meetings

- Option 2: Rent space as needed for each AWSC hybrid meeting

—This would mean renting a room in a hotel, community center, or the like

—Meeting locations could vary as needed by the AWSC

—A/V equipment and its operators would travel to each hybrid meeting location

Pros and Cons of each option:

Option 1 Establish a standard/consistent location for every AWSC (hybrid) meeting	Option 2 Rent space as needed for each AWSC hybrid meeting
<b>PROS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Won't have to move equipment around</li> <li>• Can establish a local A/V technician</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can use and move location as needed</li> </ul>
<b>CONS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May prove difficult to find a suitable location that can be secured for such infrequent use</li> <li>• Have to securely store equipment when not in use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have to find a suitable location each time</li> <li>• Have to move equipment around</li> <li>• Risk of equipment setup issues</li> <li>• Risk of A/V technician availability</li> </ul>

### EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS & COSTS

The following items represent what the Task Force feels would be a cost range of high-quality equipment configuration for AWSC hybrid meetings. \$2,500 would be adequate for a "starter set" of equipment that could be added to over time.

Qty	Item	Min	Max
1	Powered Speaker	\$500	\$750
1	Stand for Speaker	\$100	\$250
2	Web Camera	\$100	\$300
2	Wireless Microphone	\$400	\$700
2	Laptop PCs	\$800	\$1,400
1	LCD Projector	\$500	\$1,000
1	Projector Screen	\$70	\$100
	Cables, Connectors, Misc.	\$400	\$500
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$2,870</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

### BUSINESS CASE

Conducting hybrid AWSC meetings is cost/benefit justified and can provide other benefit

- Travel expenses for a single AWSC meeting (hotel, mileage) can easily be \$200 or more
- If an initial investment of \$2,500 is required, the investment cost will be recouped as soon as it saves 13 AWSC members from traveling (possibly recouped from first meeting)
- Hybrid AWSC meetings will allow additional Committee members to attend who would otherwise not be able to attend
- If desired, AWSC meeting audio and/or video could be recorded for posterity

### RECOMMENDATION

The East Texas Area should conduct hybrid AWSC Meetings

- Majority of members surveyed are already joining meetings in a hybrid format or are willing to do so
- The cost/benefit business case is extremely well justified and other advantages will be realized
- Ideally a single, central location is established where the AV equipment can be stored /located

## Choosing a Group's Name Issue

**To: All Texas East Groups**

**From: Anna A., Texas East Area Delegate (Panel 64)**

**RE: Feedback Requested**

Each year the Texas East Area sends a Delegate to the World Service Conference (WSC) known as the largest Group Conscience of Al-Anon Family Groups. At the conference, changes to the Service Manual Policy Section are discussed and voted on. In 2024, changes were made to the Choosing a Group's Name Policy. For current information regarding group names, see pages 28 and 85-86 in the [2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual](#).

The World Service Office (WSO) staff later proposed implementation of that policy to eliminate group identifiers such as Men, Women, LGBTQ+, Parents, Adult Children, etc. from new group's names when registering groups. Appeals were received by the WSO as the implementation was seen as a policy decision (that hadn't been previously discussed with WSC members) with most appeals requesting the Policy be rescinded.

After discussion at the 2025 WSC, a motion was made to suspend the **implementation** of the 2024 policy until the 2026 WSC. This will allow groups to collect and submit any feedback on the policy and its impact. The new motion states: "Allow group names to continue to include identifiers such as those currently listed on page 28 of the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) v4(a) including 'men, women, parents, adult children, young adults, other gender identification/sexual orientation, etc. with the understanding that in keeping with Traditions Three and Five, the groups will welcome anyone affected by someone else's drinking' until the 2026 World Service Conference to allow WSC Structure Areas to discuss the implementation of the 2024 WSC-approved 'Choosing a Group's Name' Policy."

Between now and the 2026 WSC, WSO staff will return to registering new groups and supporting changes to existing group names that include identifiers. WSO staff will continue to review group names for adherence to the Traditions and to avoid registering groups with outside affiliations.

I believe this Area took all of this in stride when it was first announced at the 2024 Fall Assembly in Kerrville and understood the Policy Committee's implementation strategy that existing groups would not be asked to change any identifiers in their group names unless they were specifically requesting changes to their group names. That doesn't mean there weren't concerns, and I want to make sure we clear the air prior to the next WSC.

To gather any feedback the Texas East Area Groups may have, the following request is being made: Please read and discuss the following aloud if time permits at your group consciences and send any comments to me at [txe.delegatepn64@gmail.com](mailto:txe.delegatepn64@gmail.com) by August 19 if possible or by October 30 if you need more time.

### First Impression Scenario Seeing a Group's Name on a Meeting List

1. Imagine you are someone looking to go to your first meeting or wondering what Al-Anon is about.
2. Imagine you are a professional (therapist, educator, doctor, etc.) wanting to experience an Al-Anon meeting or want to refer a client to Al-Anon for the first time.
3. Imagine you are an Al-Anon member in a different state and are looking for a meeting.

### Questions to ask Ourselves

1. Is my group's name attractive or easy to understand; by anyone in the previous "[\*\*First Impression Scenario\*\*](#)"?
2. Are newcomers, visiting members, and regular members welcomed in my home group regardless of any identifiers in the group's name? What tools or resources is my home group using or referencing to support newcomers?
3. Is there an identifier in my group's name?
4. Does a designation/identifier unify or divide?
5. How does it affect Al-Anon as a whole?

## Dual Membership

The issue of dual membership as it relates to our Area Coordinators came up because our Area delegate was addressing a question from another delegate. The question was whether Areas allowed their coordinators to be dual members.

The Texas East Area Delegate reviewed our service position descriptions, which can be found on the Texas East Website. She discovered that the descriptions specifically state that the Area Officers (Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, and Treasurer) cannot also be members of Alcoholics Anonymous. No mention of dual membership is included in the service position descriptions for our Area Coordinators.

The service manual was also consulted. See pgs. 87 and 159.

After reviewing the service manual, the following questions were discussed at the Texas East Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting on August 23:

- Do we agree that the service manual is clear in that Area Coordinators should not be members of Alcoholics Anonymous?
- If the answer to the first question is “Yes,” do we agree that the qualification as it’s included in the service position descriptions for the Area Officers should also be included in the service position descriptions for the Area Coordinators?

The AWSC agreed that the service manual is clear in stating that Area Coordinators cannot also be members of Alcoholics Anonymous and voted that Coordinators not be a member of AA to qualify to serve as Area Coordinator in the Texas East Area. As part of the vote, this issue will be forwarded for discussion and potential vote at the 2025 Fall Assembly

## Single Trustee Selection Process

The following information was provided at the Texas East Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Meeting on August 23. All options listed below were briefly discussed, and it was determined that the Area Delegate would provide more information to members via email prior to the 2025 Fall Assembly and would also work with the Alternate Delegate to be available for the Assembly training sessions to answer any questions.

This is the initiative to create a single process to select Trustees, modeled after the Trustee at Large (TAL) selection process. Right now, we have two distinct selection processes: one for Regional Trustee and one for Trustee At Large. Applications for Regional Trustee are reviewed by a Regional Committee on Trustees (RCT) made up of the Delegates within a region as well as out-of-Region Delegates to maintain a neutral perspective. Applications for Trustee At Large are reviewed by the Conference Committee on Trustees (CCT) made up of three Delegates from each panel. The Task Force created by the World Service Office (WSO) brainstormed ideas to create a single process and came up with three options:

- **Option One:** Would expand the CCT to include at least one delegate from each region electing a trustee and expand the committee’s mandate to review all Trustee applications. Option One would eliminate the step of gaining RT resume approval by the Area, relying instead on the expanded mandate of the CCT.
- **Option Two:** Would continue with inviting both the CCT and RCT to score applications. Option Two would also eliminate the step of gaining RT resume approval by the Area, relying instead on Trustee applications being reviewed concurrently by both the CCT and an RCT from each region electing a trustee. RCTs would also no longer require out-of-Region Delegates, as the potential for Regional bias would be offset by the CCT reviewing all applications.
- **Option Three:** Would maintain the CCT as is but expand its mandate to include reviewing all Trustee applications (At Large and Regional). No RCTs would be formed. Option Three would eliminate the step of gaining RT resume approval by the Area, relying instead on a new process to obtain feedback from the Delegates in each applicant’s Region. To gather Regional feedback in this option, all Regional Delegates from each region electing a Trustee would be invited to provide feedback for any Trustee candidates from their Region who were selected by the Nominating Committee to be interviewed by the Board. This means that Regional feedback would occur much later in the review process.

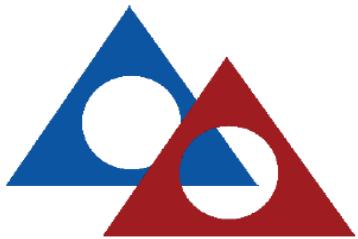
Questions to focus on for feedback are as follows:

- Do any of these options seem viable to you?
- If you agree a single process could be a good thing, are there any of these options that you might prefer?
- If you agree a single process could be a good thing but don’t like the options, do you have another suggestion?

## Reserve Fund Increase Request (by Finance Committee)

A reserve fund is maintained to address unforeseen financial emergencies and ensure organization stability during unexpected events. On November 5, 2016, Group Representatives approved raising the ample reserve fund to \$20,000 by transferring funds from the general checking account as well as authorizing the Treasurer to select the optimal investment. The reserve is now in a 4-month Certificate of Deposit (CD) at a 4.026% interest rate, renewable on 9/18/2025. Upon maturity, interest earned will move to the ETAAA General Checking Account, and the principal investment will be reassessed for rollover or better rates.

Because of increase in travel and facility expenses, the Finance Committee is requesting the amount \$5,000 be added from excess checking account funds for a total of \$25,000, roughly equivalent to one year's operating expenses. This would be in line with Area Reserve Fund outlined in Al-Anon Guidelines G-41, which recommends maintaining a reserve up to one year's operating expenses.



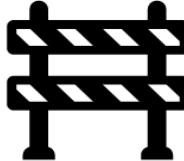
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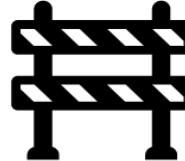
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## First Assembly?

- Yes
- No



For questions or  
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Estos son los temas que discutiremos y votaremos en la próxima Asamblea de Otoño del Área en Victoria:

1. Aprobar la compra de un seguro de Directores y Oficiales
2. Considerar la aprobación del presupuesto 2026 del Área
3. Considerar un aumento de \$5,000 en la reserva amplia del Área (para un total de \$25,000)
4. Considerar la compra de \$5,000 en equipo híbrido para reuniones
5. Considerar permitir que los grupos electrónicos de Alateen participen en la estructura de servicio de nuestra Área Este de Texas
6. Considerar la aprobación de las recomendaciones del Comité de Soluciones POSSE sobre Alateen
7. Considerar un cambio en las calificaciones de los Coordinadores de Área para que los miembros actuales de A.A. ya no sean elegibles, alineando la política del Área con nuestro Manual de Servicio de Al-Anon
8. Considerar cambios en la Política de Transferencia de Grupos para que cubra grupos asignados por Código Postal además de por condado
9. Considerar nuestra política sobre el establecimiento o la modificación de directrices en el Manual del Área
10. Aceptar actualizaciones al Manual de Políticas y Directrices
11. Considerar una actualización a nuestra política sobre mociones para incluir los apellidos

*“La participación es la clave de la armonía” (Concepto Cuatro)*

**Una invitación: ¡Ven a practicar tu voz!**

Hazlo un viaje de un día si te conviene, o comparte coche y habitación con amigos. El clima es más fresco y Victoria no está concurrida en esta época del año — un escenario perfecto para disfrutar de la confraternidad, la conexión y la experiencia espiritual de nuestra Asamblea.

¡Estoy emocionada y con muchas ganas de verte allí!

Con cariño,  
Peggy Tate

## INFORME DE LA DELEGADA - ANNA ANDERSON

¡Hola, Texas Este! Bueno, ya estamos en octubre, mientras otro año llega a su fin. Ya hemos superado la mitad de este panel, y empezamos a cerrar varios de los números que comenzamos en enero de 2024.

También estoy viendo la transición hacia la segunda mitad de mi mandato como su Delegada de Área. Asistiré a mi última Conferencia de Servicio Mundial (CSM) en abril de 2026, y los delegados del Panel 64 también han comenzado los preparativos. Al final de la CSM de 2026, seremos el panel saliente, con solo ocho meses restantes de nuestro mandato para entonces. ¡No tengo ni idea de adónde se ha ido el tiempo! El trabajo de un delegado es constante, pero estoy muy agradecido por las amistades para toda la vida, el crecimiento espiritual y la comprensión más profunda de nuestros principios y legados que he tenido la suerte de experimentar.

La CSM de este año estuvo repleta de información y debates profundos que continuarán en 2026. Para prepararnos, les solicito su opinión sobre varios temas. Algunos ya los han visto, pero estén atentos a las solicitudes adicionales de comentarios que les enviaremos a través de sus representantes distritales (RD).

Con el paso del tiempo, también avanzan las actividades de la CSM y la Junta de Síndicos (JSC). Las actualizaciones de la Oficina de Servicio Mundial (OSM) y la JSC se comunicaron mediante la Carta del Presidente de la Junta de julio y los informes correspondientes del Comité de Políticas, el Equipo de Liderazgo de la Conferencia y el Comité de Finanzas de la OSM. La OSM finalizó la carta y los informes, que se enviaron por correo electrónico a nuestro Comité de Servicio Mundial de Área para su distribución a nuestros distritos y grupos, y ahora también se pueden encontrar en inglés y español en el sitio web de la OSM:

- Carta del Presidente de la Junta Directiva, julio de 2025: [Inglés](#) | [Español](#)
- Actualización del Comité de Políticas, julio de 2025: [Inglés](#) | [Español](#)
- Actualización del equipo de liderazgo de la conferencia, julio de 2025: [Inglés](#) | [Español](#)
- Actualización financiera de julio de 2025: [Inglés](#) | [Español](#)

Más cerca de casa, visité el Distrito 7 y asistí a su reunión distrital y a la reunión del Comité Organizador de la Asamblea de Primavera el 16 de agosto en Dobbin, Texas. Gracias al Dr. Suplente Kurt N. por invitarme. Disfruté compartiendo mi experiencia, fortaleza y esperanza (ESH) con todos sobre la planificación de la Asamblea y la selección del programa. Me entusiasma que el Área conozca los planes del Distrito 7 para la Asamblea de Primavera de 2026. También espero con ansias la visita del Distrito 12 el 18 de octubre en San Antonio.

Si usted es un RD y desea que lo visite durante su reunión de distrito o algún otro evento, por favor contácteme en [txe.delegatepn64@gmail.com](mailto:txe.delegatepn64@gmail.com). Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la información de la carta del Presidente de la Junta o los informes relacionados, envíeme un correo electrónico. Enviaré las preguntas y respuestas por correo electrónico y también solicitaré que se publiquen en el sitio web de Texas East para que todos tengan la información.

Por favor, cuídense. ¡Estoy deseando verlos a todos en la Asamblea de Otoño en Victoria!

Anna Anderson — Delegada

## COORDINADORA DE BOLETINES - DELIA BLAIR

Howdy Área de 53,

Servir como coordinador del boletín sigue siendo una tarea llena de diversión. Sí, este número tiene mucha información. Es una excelente manera para que todos los miembros se mantengan informados sobre lo que está sucediendo en nuestra Área y en nuestra comunidad mundial. Los informes de esta publicación serán especialmente útil para nuestros RR. y para todos los miembros que asistan a la próxima Asamblea.

*El Grupo de Trabajo Beacon, Reconsiderado y Reimaginado* se complace en anunciar que este número tiene su primera historia personal de un Área 53. ¡Miembro de Al-Anon! Asegúrese de ver este trimestre *¡AQUÍ HAY UNA HISTORIA!*

CMA, DR y GR, Asegúrese de distribuir y anunciar *The Beacon* a los grupos a los que sirve. Nuestra esperanza es que esté disponible para todos los miembros de nuestra Área.

Mucho aprecio,

Delia Blair

La próxima fecha límite de informes es el 3 de enero de 2026

## DISTRITO 1 - EVERICA RIVERA

¡Hola Área del Este de Texas!

Es un placer comunicarme con ustedes a través de este boletín informativo para informarles que en el Distrito 1 estamos trabajando para seguir aumentando la membresía en nuestros grupos existentes. Si bien tuvimos un pequeño inconveniente con el sitio web de nuestro distrito, que estuvo cerrado durante un par de semanas debido a la decisión de cambiar de empresa, agradezco a nuestro Poder Superior y a nuestro Coordinador de Tecnología que el sitio web ya esté disponible nuevamente. En esta página, <https://www.rgv-al-anon.org/> pueden encontrar los horarios de las reuniones de los grupos del Distrito 1; así como información para recién llegados y miembros antiguos. También pueden encontrar información sobre algunos eventos, como la Asamblea de Área de Otoño en Victoria y la Convención ATTAC 2026 en Dallas.

Como este es el último boletín del año, les mando mis mejores deseos para que estas fiestas de fin de año reinen la armonía y la felicidad en sus vidas y en la de sus queridas familias.

¡Nos vemos en la Asamblea de Otoño!

Con amor al servicio de Al-Anon,

Everica R.

Representante del Distrito 1

## Reunión del Comité de Servicio Mundial de Área (AWSC) Pearland, TX — 23 de agosto de 2025

**Apertura / Bienvenida** - Peggy T. abrió la reunión a las 9:30 de la mañana con La Oración de la Serenidad. Se leyeron Los Doce Conceptos de Servicio y la Función Principal del AWSC del *Manual de Servicio de Al-Anon/Alateen 2022-2025*. Se presentaron a los miembros e invitados del AWSC, se hicieron anuncios y Peggy agradeció al Distrito 4 por organizar la reunión.

**Secretaría** – Paula H. 26 miembros de AWSC con derecho a voto estuvieron presentes. Se decidió por consenso utilizar un método de votación de 2/3: 17 miembros. Las actas de la reunión de AWSC del 16 de mayo de 2025, que se enviaron por correo electrónico a los miembros de AWSC antes de la reunión, fueron aprobadas con enmiendas.

### INFORMES

#### 1. Comité de Políticas y Directrices Sugeridas

- a. **Política de transferencia de grupos entre distritos y códigos postales** – Mattie T. declaró que el Comité de Políticas y Directrices sugiere regresar al lenguaje original que se publicó en la página 21 del 4º trimestre de 2024 *Beacon para su presentación en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2024*. La política abordaría tanto las transferencias entre condados como entre códigos postales. (*Sin embargo, debido a limitaciones de tiempo, la política de transferencia no se discutió en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2024*). Después de la discusión, se hizo la siguiente moción:

**MOCIÓN #1** – Yo, Terri D., propongo que el AWSC apruebe y regrese al lenguaje de la Asamblea de noviembre de 2024 para cambiar la verborrea para las transferencias de códigos postales "hacia y desde cualquier" Distrito organizado por código postal, incluidos los Distritos 5 y 14-17. Secundado por Dena F.

**MOCIÓN APROBADA.** Esta política de transferencia de grupos será discutida y posiblemente votada por los GR en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2025.

b. **Procedimiento para las actualizaciones del manual - Rosie M.** - El Área tiene un Manual de Políticas y Procedimientos que se revisa periódicamente. Se propuso un método para establecer y modificar directrices. Después de la discusión, se hizo la siguiente moción:

**MOCIÓN #2 – Yo, Delia B., propongo que se agregue una nueva pestaña en nuestro Manual de Políticas y Procedimientos como Sección III. – Directrices para establecer o modificar directrices. Secundado por Mirna A.**

**MOCIÓN APROBADA. La sección III propuesta, que se añadirán al manual serán debatidos y posiblemente votados por los RR.**

c. **Revisión de las actualizaciones recomendadas del manual - Políticas y procedimientos - Kevin H.** Es necesario aclarar las directrices sobre la presentación de mociones. Se discutieron los procedimientos sugeridos para hacer mociones. Tras el debate, se formularon las siguientes mociones:

**MOCIÓN #3 Yo, Dena F., propongo que aceptemos cambios en el proceso de moción para incluir el nombre y apellido del creador de la moción y la persona adscrita en el Manual de Pautas y el formulario de moción. Secundado por Terri D.** **MOCIÓN FALLIDA**

**MOCIÓN #4 Yo, Anna A., propongo que aceptemos cambios en el proceso de moción para incluir el nombre y apellido del autor de la moción y la persona que la secunda, así como en el cuerpo de la moción para elecciones en el Manual de Pautas y el formulario de moción. Secundado por Paula H.**

**MOCIÓN APROBADA. La sección propuesta del manual sobre el proceso de moción será discutida y posiblemente votada por los GR en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2025.**

2. **Agregar grupos de Alateen a la política actual del Área que permite que las reuniones electrónicas de Al-Anon sean parte de nuestra Área – Anna A. y Dirk M.** – Texas East tiene grupos electrónicos de Al-Anon como parte de la estructura de servicio del Área. Se debe considerar la siguiente pregunta: **¿Está el Área Este de Texas a favor de aceptar Grupos Electrónicos de Alateen en la estructura de servicio del Área?** Dirk M. (Coordinadora de Área Alateen), Sylvia M. (Persona de Proceso de Área Alateen), Peggy T. (Presidenta de Área) y Anna A. (Delegada de Área) han abordado esta pregunta basándose en los Requisitos Electrónicos de Seguridad y Comportamiento (EASBR) de Alateen para la participación en Alateen, los grupos electrónicos de Alateen y el proceso de certificación de los Miembros de Al-Anon Involucrados en el Servicio de Alateen – Electrónico (AMIAS-E). Después de la discusión, se hizo la siguiente moción:

**MOCIÓN #5 – Yo, Sylvia M., propongo que aprobemos permitir que los grupos electrónicos de Alateen ingresen a nuestra estructura de servicio de Área. Secundado por Dirk M.**

**MOCIÓN APROBADA. La propuesta de aceptar grupos electrónicos de Alateen en nuestra estructura de servicio de Área será discutida y posiblemente votada por los GR en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2025.**

3. **Delegada – Anna A.** presentó tres informes. **POR FAVOR lea sus informes completos en el 4º trimestre del 2025 Beacon.** *El primer informe fue la Carta del Presidente de la Junta. Incluyó: 1. una actualización de las estrategias con adiciones, cambios de datos y alcance, actividades completadas; 2. asuntos financieros con un presupuesto revisado y gastos igualados; 3. "Más allá del nivel de grupo" en las solicitudes de voluntariado de la Oficina de Servicio Mundial (OSM); 4. una actualización del equipo de liderazgo de la conferencia 5. una actualización financiera con ingresos, gastos, inversiones y aumento/(disminución) neto. Otras partes del informe de Anna incluyeron la solicitud de comentarios de la política de nombres de un grupo, la Conferencia All Texas Al-Anon / Alateen (ATAAC) y la Validación electrónica de Alateen y la planificación de la implementación y validación electrónica de Alateen.*

4. **Fuerza de Pensamiento de Calificación de Oficiales – Allyn D.** – La Fuerza de Pensamiento se encargó de revisar las calificaciones de los Oficiales del Este de Texas para posiblemente identificar cambios y desarrollar recomendaciones. Se presentaron dos conjuntos de cambios propuestos; un conjunto de recomendaciones propuestas para el delegado, el delegado suplente y el presidente; el otro conjunto fueron recomendaciones propuestas para Tesorero y Secretario. En la recomendación propuesta para Tesorero y Secretario, establece: 'Se prefiere experiencia de servicio previa o actual como Representante de Distrito Represivo de Distrito (DR) o Representante de Distrito Alternativo; se requiere experiencia de servicio actual como Representante de Grupo con al menos dos (2) años de participación activa en Al-Anon'. Después de la discusión, se hizo la siguiente moción:

**MOCIÓN #6 – Yo, Dirk M., propongo que adoptemos las nuevas calificaciones de los Oficiales del Este de Texas presentadas por el Grupo de Pensamiento de Calificación de Oficiales, con la adición de GR Alternativo y la eliminación de la palabra "actual" antes de GR/GR Alternativo. Las calificaciones propuestas para los oficiales serán discutidas y posiblemente votadas por los GR en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2025.**

5. **Doble membresía – Aclaración y alineación con las directrices de la Oficina del Servicio Mundial (OSM) sobre la doble membresía y la elegibilidad de los coordinadores – Anna A.** – Se abordó la cuestión de si los coordinadores de área podrían ser miembros duales (Al-Anon y Alcohólicos Anónimos-A.A.). No se incluye ninguna mención de doble membresía en las descripciones de los puestos de servicio para los Coordinadores del Área Este de Texas. Se utilizó como referencia el *Manual de servicio de Al-Anon / Alateen 2022-2025*, págs. 87 y 159. En la página 159 dice: "Todos los miembros de Al-Anon, excepto aquellos que también son miembros de A.A., son elegibles para servir como Coordinador de Área". Después de la discusión, se hizo la siguiente moción:

**MOCIÓN #7 – Yo, Joyce Y., propongo que los Coordinadores no sean miembros de AA para calificar para servir como Coordinadores de Área en el Área Este de Texas. Secundado por Paula H.**

**MOCIÓN APROBADA. El informe sobre la doble afiliación será debatido y posiblemente votado por los RR.**

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6. **Pasa la canasta – Joyce Y.** anunció a Paula H., Secretaria, que se recaudaron \$235 para el Distrito 4 para ayudar a reembolsar sus gastos por organizar la reunión de AWSC. Se recaudaron \$224 para el Área.
7. **Informe financiero - Joyce Y.** Los ingresos totales desde enero de 2025 hasta el 31 de julio de 2025 para el Área son de \$14,310.44. Los gastos totales para el mismo período de tiempo son de \$12,643.92. El informe financiero de Joyce estará en el Beacon del 4º trimestre de 2025.
8. **Presupuesto propuesto para 2026 - Joyce Y. y Comité de Finanzas:** el presupuesto propuesto para 2026 será publicado en el 4º trimestre del 2025 Beacon. *Hubo una discusión sobre la reducción de los gastos del delegado para asistir a la CSM de 2026 de \$3,700 a \$3,200, según la información proporcionada por la OSM.*

La siguiente moción se hizo después de discutir el Presupuesto 2026:

**MOCIÓN #8 – Yo, Mandy C., el 23/8/25, hago una moción para aprobar el presupuesto propuesto para 2026 según enmendado para la reducción de los gastos de WSC del Delegado a \$3,200 con una reducción correspondiente a los ingresos por contribuciones. Secundado por Lynn P.** **MOCIÓN APROBADA.** **El presupuesto propuesto para 2026 será discutido y posiblemente votado por los GR en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2025.**

9. **Propuesta de seguro para directores y funcionarios - Joyce Y y Comité de Finanzas** - El seguro para directores y funcionarios protege a los funcionarios de área de pérdidas financieras personales si hay demandados por tomar decisiones mientras sirven. Cubre honorarios legales, acuerdos y costos relacionados. La mayoría de las áreas tienen este tipo de seguro. El Área ha recibido una cotización de \$761 por año para una cobertura de \$1,000,000. El comité también está investigando el seguro de responsabilidad civil para Asambleas, AWSC y posiblemente Alateen.

Después de la discusión, se hicieron las siguientes mociones:

**MOCIÓN #9 - Yo, Kevin H., propongo que el Área obtenga cotizaciones sobre (a) seguro de directores y funcionarios, y (b) seguro de responsabilidad civil general para presentarlo a los representantes del grupo para su revisión y aprobación. Secundado por Priscilla F.**

**MOCIÓN FALLIDA**

**MOCIÓN #10 - Yo, Linda B., hago una moción para que el Área obtenga un seguro D y O, basado en las recomendaciones del Comité de Finanzas y que se compre lo antes posible. Secundado por Kurt N.**

**MOCIÓN APROBADA.** **La Propuesta de Seguro de Directores y Funcionarios será discutida y posiblemente votada por los GR en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2025.**

10. **Determinación de los fondos excedentes – Joyce Y. y Comité de Finanzas** – Se está examinando la metodología para determinar los fondos excedentes. Se discutió sobre el efectivo total en las cuentas bancarias, los fondos asignados y el capital inicial pendiente para las Asambleas. Después de mucha discusión, el método no se resolvió y el Comité de Finanzas continuará trabajando en cómo determinar el exceso de fondos.
11. **Recomendación para aumentar los fondos de reserva – Joyce Y. y Comité de Finanzas** – El fondo de reserva aborda emergencias financieras imprevistas y garantiza la estabilidad de la organización durante eventos inesperados. La amplia reserva actual es de \$20,000 que se mantienen en un Certificado de Depósito (CD) con intereses. Debido al aumento de los gastos de viaje e instalaciones de la Zona, el Comité de Finanzas recomienda que se añadan 5.000 dólares de los fondos excedentes para una reserva total de 25.000 dólares.

Después de la discusión, se hizo la siguiente moción:

**MOCIÓN #11- Yo, Mirna A., propongo que el fondo de reserva se aumente en \$ 5,000 para un total de \$ 25,000, aproximadamente equivalente a los gastos operativos de un año. Secundado por Kevin H.**

**MOCIÓN APROBADA.** **La recomendación de aumentar los fondos de reserva será discutida y posiblemente votada por los GR en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2025.**

12. **Grupo de pensamiento sobre el exceso de fondos del área - Carol F.** informó que nuestra Área actualmente tiene \$35,761 en fondos excedentes. Se hicieron varias recomendaciones para el uso de estos fondos excedentes, incluida la contribución de \$ 5,000 a la OSM, la compra de equipo técnico en apoyo de la iniciativa híbrida de la AWSC para las reuniones híbridas de la AWSC, la compra de una valla publicitaria de divulgación pública por \$ 3,700 y la compra y donación de una copia de *Cómo funciona Al-Anon para cada biblioteca pública en nuestra área.*

Después de la discusión, se hizo la siguiente moción:

**MOCIÓN #12 - Yo, Dena F., propongo que aprobemos la compra de equipos híbridos para el Área de aproximadamente \$ 5000 y pospongamos las ideas restantes hasta que recibamos una cantidad de exceso verdadera y precisa. Secundado por Terri D.**

**MOCIÓN APROBADA.** **La recomendación de aprobar la compra de equipos híbridos para el Área será discutida y posiblemente votada por los GR en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2025.**

13. **Proceso de selección de fideicomisario único - Anna A.** presentó un informe sobre el proceso de selección de un fideicomisario único de la OSM. Los fideicomisarios regionales y los fideicomisarios generales seguirán existiendo. El Grupo de Trabajo de la OSM identificó tres opciones para un solo proceso. De las tres opciones, el AWSC prefirió la Opción Tres, que mantendría el Comité de la Conferencia sobre Fideicomisarios tal como está, pero ampliaría su mandato para incluir la revisión de todas las solicitudes de los Fideicomisarios. También eliminaría la aprobación del Área para los currículos de los Fideicomisarios Regionales y obtendría comentarios de los Delegados de cada Región.

Anna necesitará los comentarios de nuestra Área para llevarlos a la WSC 2026. La información sobre las tres opciones relativas al proceso de selección de un solo fideicomisario se enviará a los DR antes de la Asamblea de noviembre de 2025 para que la difundan a los GR, ya que se necesitan aportaciones de los GR. Este tema también se tratará en las sesiones de Zoom de preparación previa a la Asamblea que impartirá Myrthala C., Delegada Suplente.

14. **Política de la lista de publicación de reuniones de área - Anna A.** recibió un correo electrónico del Director Ejecutivo de la OSM solicitando que se incluyeran procedimientos más específicos en el borrador de la política para ayudar a facilitar la aceptación por parte de la OSM. El Grupo de Trabajo continuará trabajando en las revisiones, que se enviarán a los Representantes del Distrito (RD). Aunque no hay un plazo específico para volver a presentar el borrador final de la política de nuestra Área a la OSM, el Grupo de Trabajo continuará trabajando en el borrador de la política lo más rápido posible. El AWSC volverá a discutir esto en enero de 2026.

15. **Grupo de trabajo de balizas - Delia B.** informó que el Grupo de Trabajo había recibido muchas solicitudes para incluir historias personales en The Beacon. Se dieron pautas de presentación, y los DR enviarán estas pautas a los grupos en sus distritos. Los DR también continuarán reenviando The Beacon a los grupos.

16. **Grupo de Trabajo de Preparación de la Asamblea - Allyn D.** presentó las recomendaciones del Grupo de Trabajo. Ellos son: 1. Un mes antes de la Asamblea se publica y envía a los RD el borrador final de la Agenda de la Asamblea con documentos de respaldo y un “Power Point” que explica los procedimientos de la Asamblea; 2. Tres semanas antes de la Asamblea, se ofrecen sesiones de capacitación electrónica, y se recomienda encarecidamente a todos los asistentes a la Asamblea que asistan. 3. Un mes antes de la Asamblea, se alienta a los RD a programar sus propias sesiones de capacitación con grupos en sus distritos. 4. La mañana de la Asamblea, antes de la Asamblea, la Delegada Suplente, Myrthala C., llevará a cabo una sesión de intercambio de recursos genéticos para revisar los puntos finales de la agenda que se presentarán para su votación.

17. **Recomendaciones del Comité del Programa de Patrocinadores que Comparten Todo (POSSE) - Kimberly G.** declaró que las recomendaciones del comité están destinadas a garantizar la claridad en la autoridad, la responsabilidad financiera y la gestión de eventos, al tiempo que se mantiene la adhesión a las tradiciones, conceptos y políticas de Al-Anon. ([Lea el informe completo en el Beacon del 4º trimestre de 2025](#)). En el informe se mencionaron los siguientes: Estructura de eventos de Alateen y convenciones de nomenclatura, Autoridad y supervisión de las iniciativas de Alateen, Gestión financiera de las iniciativas de Alateen y Aclaración de la Conferencia de Alateen del área este de Texas (TEA AC) y Roles de los miembros fundadores de POSSE. Después de la discusión, se hizo la siguiente moción:

**MOCIÓN #13 – Yo, Priscilla F., propongo que adoptemos las recomendaciones del Comité de Solución POSSE tal como se presentaron el 23 de agosto de 2025. Secundado por Elaine M.**

**MOCIÓN APROBADA.** **Las recomendaciones del Comité de Solución POSSE serán discutidas y posiblemente votadas por los GR en la Asamblea de noviembre de 2025.**

18. **Honrar a aquellos que han servido a Thought Force** – Debido a limitaciones de tiempo, este tema se pospuso para su discusión hasta la próxima reunión independiente de AWSC en enero de 2026.

19. **Reunión híbrida de AWSC del grupo de trabajo - Ted** pidió voluntarios además de él, Kurt y Glynn para servir en el grupo de trabajo. El Grupo de Trabajo cree que una ubicación central sería opcional para las reuniones híbridas. Se estima que se ahorraron \$ 2,000 en la reunión de AWSC de hoy, debido a que los miembros no tienen gastos de viaje.

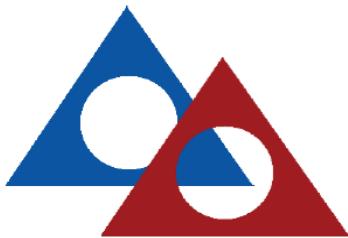
#### ANUNCIOS

1. La reunión/asamblea de otoño de 2025 de AWSC se llevará a cabo del 7 al 9 de noviembre de 2025 en el Hilton Garden Inn en Victoria, TX. La reunión de otoño de AWSC será el viernes 7 de noviembre de 2025. Será organizado por el Distrito 3 / Distrito de Apoyo 4.
2. La reunión de invierno de 2026 de AWSC se llevará a cabo el 24 de enero de 2026. Se necesita un distrito anfitrión y un lugar.
3. La Asamblea de Área de Primavera 2026 será del 15 al 17 de mayo de 2026 en Camp Allen en Navasota, TX. Será organizado por el Distrito 7 / Distrito de Apoyo 6.
4. La reunión de la AWSC de verano de 2026 se llevará a cabo el sábado 29 de agosto de 2026. Será organizado por el Distrito 14.
5. La reunión/asamblea de otoño de 2026 de AWSC se llevará a cabo del 6 al 8 de noviembre de 2026 en Houston. Será organizado por el Distrito 5 / Distrito de Apoyo 8. **ESTA ES UNA ASAMBLEA ELECTORAL.**
6. Las ediciones del *Beacon* (según Delia B.) son trimestrales. La próxima fecha límite es el 3 de octubre y otras fechas límites son el 3 de enero, el 3 de abril y el 3 de julio.

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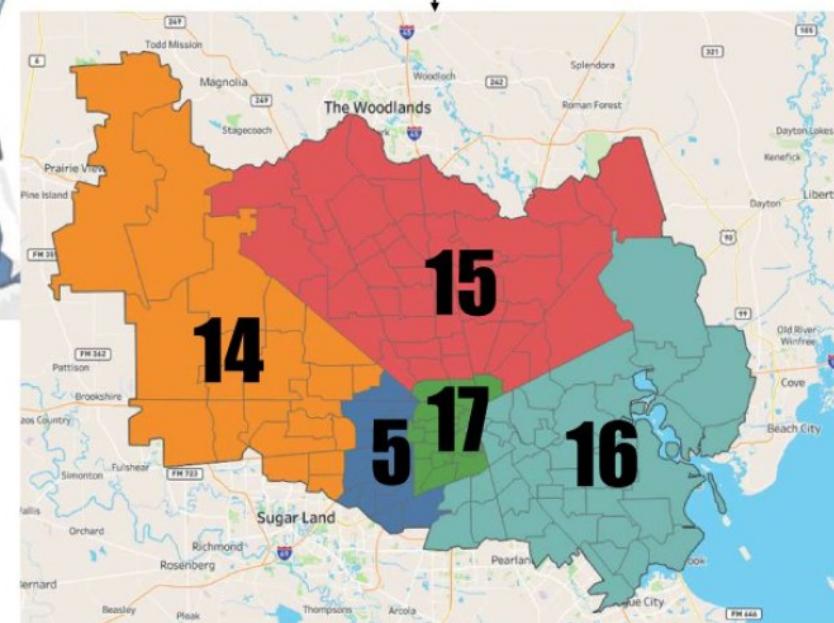
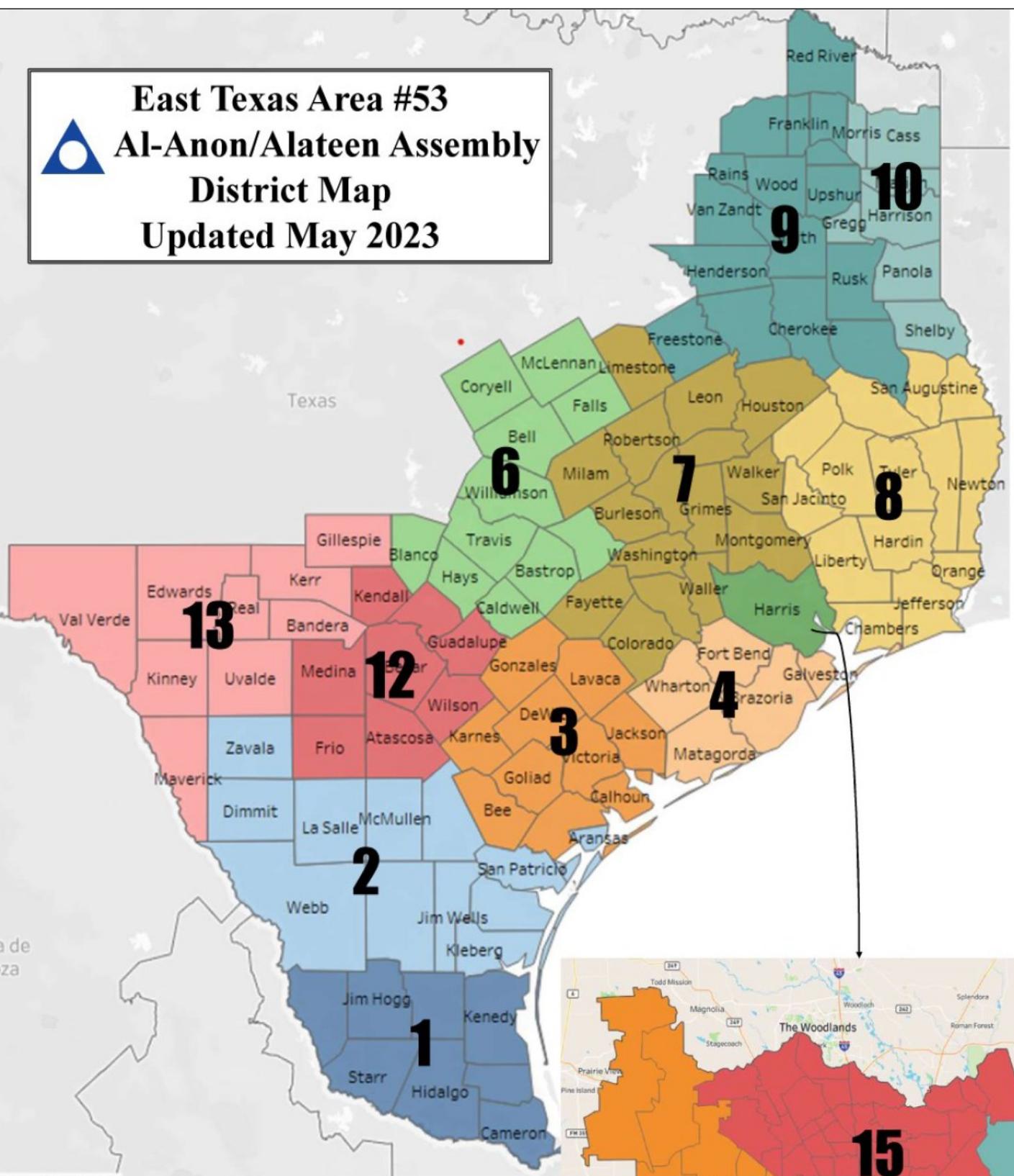
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My nephew, who is over 50 years old, was experiencing challenges related to alcohol use, which affected my brother's family. His parents and siblings frequently offered support and assistance over many years and were coming to the end of their rope.

After observing changes in me and my son following our participation in Al-Anon, my brother and sister-in-law sought my advice. I recommended that they reduce enabling behaviors and consider attending Al-Anon meetings. While the family began to adjust their approach, significant positive change was not immediately observed.

Eventually, my brother and sister-in-law decided to participate in Al-Anon meetings, and their behaviors shifted almost overnight. They established boundaries regarding support. When these boundaries were crossed, financial support was discontinued.

Subsequently, my nephew entered a rehabilitation program in Montana and later moved into a halfway house, where he now works as a manager. He is an active participant in AA, and his ongoing experiences provide reminders of his previous situation. The family's relationships with each other have improved since engaging with Al-Anon.

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During the process of completing my divorce from my wife, who struggled with substance abuse, my teenage son was required to attend teen drug court. Given these circumstances, the judge mandated my attendance at 12-step meetings. Initially, I accompanied my son to Narcotics Anonymous meetings, as his transportation. Subsequently, I attended an Al-Anon meeting, which proved to be a significant experience.

My son's addiction escalated, ultimately resulting in his placement at a prison-based rehabilitation facility. After successfully completing the program, he secured employment and residence; however, unforeseen changes forced him to relocate. Due to his demonstrated progress, I permitted him to stay at my home for two months to save money.

At this point, I was still single and had participated in Al-Anon for over five years. While attending an Al-Anon Assembly, I sensed something was amiss. Upon returning home, I found my son unconscious in the bathroom with evidence of drug use. My experience with Al-Anon enabled me to respond appropriately.

My son spent five weeks in the hospital, during which I received considerable support from fellow Al-Anon members through hospital visits, meals, and practical assistance. I also communicated with his probation officer to provide updates on his condition and development.

What could have been an overwhelmingly difficult experience was made manageable through my involvement with the Al-Anon program. The guidance from the Steps and Al-Anon community was invaluable, offering personal growth and resilience. My son subsequently completed a second rehabilitation program and has maintained sobriety, is gainfully employed, and plans to marry soon. I will be celebrating 17 years in Al-Anon this December. I am going to keep coming back!

KURT N.

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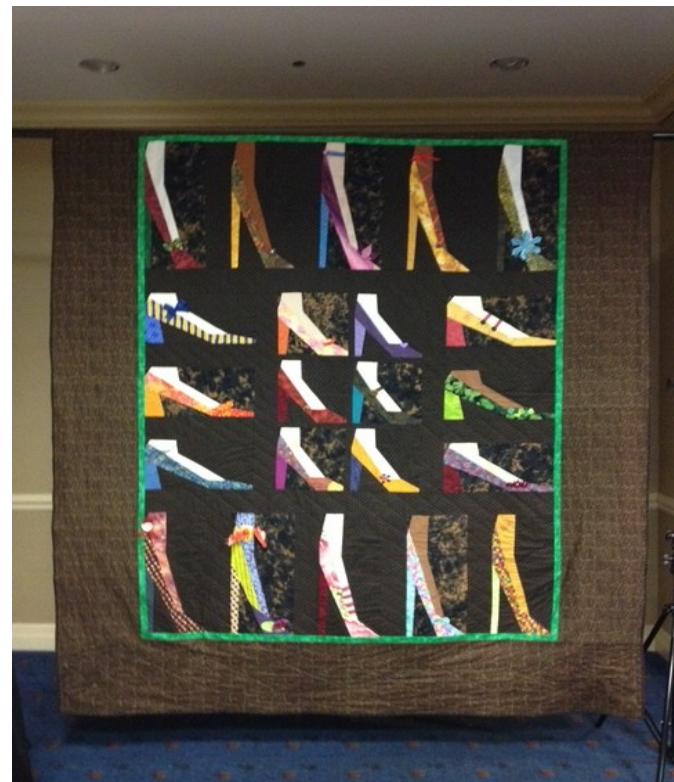
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The 2024 winner, Jackie G, was not in attendance at the 2025 ATAAC and the Conference Chair has not been able to reach her with the contact information provided at the 2024 ATAAC.

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