

Research on Alateen Conferences in Preparation for Assembly

- Contacted WSO by telephone. Several calls.
- Contacted Delegates from Georgia, Tennessee, Florida South and Alabama NWFL
- Each of these Areas elects a Conference chairperson at Assembly (different from our Guidelines which ask for a District to step forward)
- FL-S, TN and AL have seen diminishing participation of Alateen to the point they do not have Alateen Conferences, and they have very little, if any, Alateen participation at their Conventions.
- Georgia has worked for the last few years to grow Alateen by focusing on growing Alateen meetings. Georgia has seen an increase in their Alateen Conference participation grow from 20 teens to nearly 50 for the last two years.
- No nearby Area is interested in creating a multi-Area Conference entity like KOMIAC (mentioned in Charon's report)
- Georgia welcomes participation from our Teens but is not interested in AMIAS participation unless the adult is willing to go through Georgia certification process.
- WSO suggests we create an opportunity for an Annual Alateen Conference. Do it as a three year trial.
- If our Area decides to do an Alateen Conference (preferably a three year trial to see how it works) then Florida South would like to commit resources and people to participate on the committee with a goal of possibly creating an Annual Florida Alateen Conference that we would collaborate on and work together on.
- The Delegate from FL – S will be glad to support their Alateen Coordinator and others interested in Alateen encouraging them to support this process of working toward an annual state-wide Conference as long as our Area Guidelines and Requirements remain in sync with each other.
- WSO is clear that an Alateen Conference is not an open event nor is it a Public Outreach event. It is an event for members of the Alateen fellowship.
- WSO: Alateen is a part of Al-Anon. The Alateen Group is the connection between the teen and the Area. AMIASes make this connection safe and stable and are necessary because of the WSO requirements.
- WSO: Support for Alateen comes in many forms. Supporting the meetings should be our top priority
- WSO – strong Alateen meetings support successful Alateen events which support strong Alateen meetings.
- I have asked for financial information from all the Alateen conferences, and while I was able to get some specific information about the 2018 Conference there is no response from the others. So I think the Alateen Conference (along with the convention) should have some financial oversight from the Area.
- Basically the 2018 Alateen Conference doubled their budget with donations from around the Area – change for change, district donations accounted for around \$5,500 of their total income of ~\$11,000. Cost was about \$6,000 and they returned about \$5,000 to the Area.