Policy Committee Update   **July 2018**
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The purpose of the update that is sent each quarter by the Chairperson of the Policy Committee is to report progress and provide information on the following:
- Topics that are generated by the fellowship and discussed by the Policy Committee, along with issues or concerns that need clarification or interpretation in light of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service;
- Progress of the work done by Policy Committee Work Groups, Task and Thought Forces;
- Policy motions that will be presented to the World Service Conference (WSC); and
- Policy motions that have been passed by the WSC.

The Policy Committee approved a request from the Executive Director to invite the Associate Director—Digital Strategy to attend the Policy Committee as a resource for a trial period of one year, beginning in July 2018.

Progress was made in reviewing revised language that had been proposed for the Alateen section of the "Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Policies" (Policy Digest). The proposed revisions reflect spiritual principles and the Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements set forth in the 2003 Board of Trustees Alateen Motion. It is hoped that this section will be completed in time for the revisions to be presented to the 2019 WSC.

Additionally, the Policy Committee continued its review of the "Membership and Groups" section of the Policy Digest. After considering recommendations from the Task Force, the Policy Committee made progress in determining which provisions should remain, which could be removed because they are strictly procedural, and which procedural sections should be revised to reflect policy. The Policy Committee's changes will also describe the spiritual principles upon which the provisions are based.

The Electronic Meetings Work Group, previously the Electronic/Virtual Meetings Work Group, is operating under an interim charge to review existing archival material about this topic. The charge includes brainstorming ideas about how to improve our understanding of the needs and wants of electronic meetings and discussing the role the World Service Office can play in helping the members in these meetings achieve Al-Anon's primary purpose. The Work Group will initiate its discussions in the coming weeks; its goal is to deliver a presentation of its findings at the 2019 WSC. Given the enormity and breadth of this subject, the Electronic Meetings Work Group will continue to focus on gathering additional information about electronic meetings.

The Policy Committee was provided with copies of correspondence from members raising policy issues or questioning current policy statements.