

2021-2022 NZ Al-Anon Conference Goal: "Clear Communication Throughout the Fellowship".

Please enjoy and share these highlights from our March 2022 Board meeting. It is important for the democracy of Al-Anon that our fellow members know what we are working on and we rely on our service structure for this to happen. The Board met by Zoom on 5-6 March 2022, seven Board members and a minute taker were present.

Wherever you are, we know this is an unusual, and potentially unsettling, time – but hope that having contact with other members by social media, phone, email, text or via electronic meetings, together we can make it. Thank you to all of you striving to keep available for anyone anywhere reaching out for help. We appreciate all the tech savvy members out there helping our members and groups to stay connected during the COVID restrictions.

NZ Al-Anon General Service Board Vacancies:

New Zealand Al-Anon is currently in a serious Service crisis. The Board has only seven members currently and two are due to rotate off in June. The situation is serious and we are calling for help from you, the fellowship. We have 12 positions on the Board, and simply cannot continue to carry on the business of Al-Anon without support. We currently have the following roles vacant:

- General Secretary
- Northern Regional Board Member
- Central Regional Board Member
- Southern Regional Board Member
- Archivist
- Editorial Chair
- Alternate Chair
- And in June Executive Budget Committee Chair and National Public Outreach Coordinator

Please ask God, your Sponsor or Service Sponsor what you can do to participate in the successful running of Al-Anon in New Zealand. Working at Board level service has accelerated my Recovery to where I never thought possible. Please take some action to find out if you are able to help today and remember, "When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there - and let it begin with me."

NZ Al-Anon General Service Office

GSO will remain closed to visitors until we reach green in the COVID traffic light system. However, we are always looking for volunteers to help the Office Manager with literature orders and other tasks. Contact GSO to register your interest in participating in this awesome service opportunity.

Alateen:

Delegates are encouraged to keep in contact with the National Alateen Coordinator regarding the number of AMIAS and active Alateen groups in their Area plus what Public Outreach their groups are doing regarding Alateen.

The Board confirms the NZ law regarding Police Checks for AMIAS (Al-Anon Members in Alateen Service) does NOT require Police Checks to be done every three years.

Literature:

The Literature Committee has finished a major edit of the New Zealand Service Handbook for 2022. It incorporates information on the KN17 which will be obsolete if Conference approves the handbook. Five fillable forms have been revised and edited.

NZ Al-Anon Service Conference:

The 2021 NZ Al-Anon Service Conference Summary (NZASC) is now on the website to download, a hard copy is available to purchase from the NZAGSO.

The 2022 NZASC will be held 16-19 June 2022 at the St Francis Retreat, Auckland with the theme "Dreaming Big".

AA Convention

The NZ 59th AA Convention with Al-Anon/Alateen participation occurred virtually on 22-23 January 2022 due to COVID restrictions. The Al-Anon/Alateen theme was "Keep It Simple". There were 103 Al-Anon members that participated in two workshops and seven meetings with 3 Alateen registered but unfortunately did not fully participate.

The 60th AA Convention will be held in Christchurch on 20-23 January 2023. As there is no SRBM the Board will be required to appoint a Chairperson.

Public Outreach

The National Public Outreach Coordinator advised that decisions are being made by the Public Outreach Committee regarding our fellowship's participation in the Phantom Billboard Sticker Campaign and Cutting Edge 2022 due to the ongoing effects of Covid-19. New public outreach ideas are also being explored.

NZ Electronic Meetings Survey

Until we have instruction from the WSO Conference meeting in April, all permanent electronic and hybrid meetings are required to be registered with the WSO.

A survey to gather information was sent out to groups that listed temporary electronic meetings on New Zealand's Al-Anon website and to those permanent electronic meetings registered with WSO, also listed on Al-Anon's NZ website. Some groups still meet electronically on a temporary basis and intend to return to face-to-face meetings. Some groups call themselves hybrid (face to face and electronic) meetings temporarily. The survey was to find out what service structure groups in NZ would prefer to be part of, if there were a choice. Most groups that still meet electronically would like to stay in the NZ service structure and register with GSO. More information will be available after NZASC as to what is required of electronic meetings/groups going forward.

WSO News:

We have received notice that Kerri K, Associate Director - International is no longer at the World Service Office. For International queries email international@al-anon.org.

REMINDER to groups sharing literature on screen at their online meetings. Breaches of copyright are taken seriously by WSO. **Note:** all readings to be screen shared must be from Conference Approved Literature (CAL), must not be more than a single paragraph and must include the written copyright acknowledgement required by WSO:

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INTERNATIONAL AL-ANON EVENTS

2022 – World Service Conference in New York, USA - 26-30 April 2022

2022 – IAGSM in London, England - 13-15 October 2022

2023 – AA Convention in Christchurch – 20-23 January 2023

2023 – Al-Anon Family Group International Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico - 29 June-2 July 2023

Thank you for taking the time to be informed.

Yours in Service

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