

Utah Area, Panel 63 Area Highlights 2024

In the Utah area, last year we voted to allow electronic groups into our area, and this year we finalized our bylaws and procedures for electronic groups. We will be submitting these bylaws to WSO this year so that we can move forward in actively forming new electronic groups and finalizing the decisions of groups converting from physical groups to full-time electronic groups.

The principle of Knowledge-based Decision Making (KBDM) and applying the results of such in using task forces is working very effectively in our Area. Last year we used KBDM to great effect in a thought force on how to give more members of our AWSC, along with past delegates, the opportunity to attend the Southwest Regional Delegate's Meeting (SWRDM) each year. We assigned a task force to come up with ways to implement this and they will report to us their findings this Spring. I am very confident that we will come up with a path to allow, not only our delegate, but also alternate delegate, area chair, and multiple past delegates to attend regularly and provide their experience, strength, and hope to our region and, consequently, to the WSO.

I'd also like to draw attention to our successes in Alateen this past year. There have been many new members join the ranks of AMIAS—this is vital to strengthening our Alateen program. Our Area leadership in Alateen has been stellar and is well poised to continue providing excellent leadership. Unfortunately, we have also had a reduction in our numbers of Alateens and the closing of several groups. We believe this will soon turn around and are looking for ideas and ways to improve. Any suggestions from the WSC would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I want to stress how our area is implementing the principle of abundance in all we do. We have an annual Holiday Boutique, where we regularly receive enough money to support not only the district it is held in, but also the area, each year. Our Alanon Alateen Information Service (AAIS) has a successful chili/soup fundraiser and dessert auction every year that supports their activities for the year. And the groups in our area are always so generous. They routinely pass on this abundance to our districts, area, and WSO. Our groups are consistently implementing the principle of abundance in contributing their fair share to be fully self-supporting.