

Ad Hoc Committee Report

The general question of why an alternative proposal was made at all, is because there was some wording that needed to become clearer in the document and also to eliminate redundancy. In the scheme of things, I took your language and made it fit the specific situations the paragraphs were dealing with.

Point # 1 ---- The paragraph that currently deals with age Tim's suggested wording in blue :

The NYNAC Coordinator has the ultimate responsibility for determining who may and may not attend NYNAC in order to ensure a safe and productive environment for the event. Alateen Group Sponsors/AMIAS who intend on bringing a member who: is under the age of 10, has not attended 6 Alateen/Al-Anon meetings and/or has displayed behavioral problem at previous Alateen events must receive special approval for that member's attendance from the NYNAC Coordinator before arrival at the event.

My feeling was that the Alateen Group Sponsors/AMIAS are the people working with these teens and they can better determine who among their teens will take the responsibility to behave appropriately so my rewording as suggested is here in green:

Section H --- Change the first paragraph (where it currently says Minimum age) to read:

Alateen Group Sponsors and AMIAS have the responsibility for determining who may and may not attend NYNAC in order to ensure a safe and productive environment for the event. If any questions arise the NYNAC Coordinator should be consulted.

This was not to take away the job or responsibility of the NYNAC Coordinator. The job of the NYNAC coordinator is everything to do with the actual Conference. The job was created to carry out the logistics and financial planning for the conference, with the host committee planning the program for the weekend. When concerns arise, that is when we include those involved so that the decision is based on KBDM and all are provided the same info. It was always encouraged for the Alateen and NYNAC coordinators to work together in these situations.

Point # 2 ---- This was Tim's rewording here in blue:

And change item 6 under the NYNAC Alateen Group Sponsors/AMIAS Guidelines to read:

Alateen Group Sponsors/AMIAS have the Responsibility to refuse to bring any Alateen member who they think will not abide by the guidelines; does not have an acceptable level of understanding of the Alateen program to participate in the event; lacks the maturity

required to participate and/or is likely to engage in destructive/distracting behaviors that could hinder other members enjoyment of the event, always remembering to place principles above personalities.

What I suggested is here in green:

Section H sub section NYNAC Alateen Group Sponsor/ AMIAS guidelines Item # 6 to read

Alateen Group Sponsors/ AMIAS have the **Responsibility** to refuse to bring any Alateen member who they think will not abide by the guidelines, or does not have an acceptable level of understanding of the Alateen program to participate in the event or lacks the maturity required to participate and/ or is likely to engage in destructive/ distracting behaviors that could hinder other members enjoyment of the event; **always remembering to place principle before personalities.**

The only difference is that I added the word or instead of ; in the paragraph.

Point # 3 ---I added this as a needed framework for how to handle difficult situations at NYNAC. It encompasses Concepts # 4 & 5 "Participation is the key to harmony" "The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and insure that they be heard".

This allows everyone involved to talk things over and reason things out which is key to our program. I enclose it here in green:

Section H sub section NYNAC Alateen Group Sponsors/ AMIAS guidelines Item # 12 to read ----

In all cases of behavioral concerns the following process should take place.

- 1. All members involved in the incident, the NYNAC Coordinator, the Alateen Coordinator, and the Alateen Group Sponsors and AMIAS associated with that/ these group (s) all meet together.**
- 2. A review of the situation will be discussed with everyone having an equal voice.**
- 3. A decision will be worked out that is both appropriate for the situation and respectful of the consequences of inappropriate behavior, keeping in mind the tenets of KBDM.**

KBDM is Knowledge based decision making and just means that we gather all the facts and talk things over and decide even if we all do not agree, can we live with it.

I hope I have clarified things and not made it more difficult.

Love in Service
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