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GROUP REPRESENTATIVES: THIS LETTER GIVES MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK THE TRUSTED SERVANTS ON THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD DO ON THEIR BEHALF, SO PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT IN FULL TO YOUR GROUPS.

Dear Members,

I would like to update you with what happened at the most recent General Service Board (GSB) meeting. This letter and other information are also circulated directly to members who have signed up for the free eNewsletter. Simply visit the Al-Anon website [www.al-anonuk.org.uk](http://www.al-anonuk.org.uk) and sign up to the GSO eNewsletter via the members' area. The GSB met on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. All Trustees attended, with the exception of the Regional Trustee England West & South Wales, who sent her apologies.

**Reports.** The Annual Reports of the Standing Committee Chairmen, the General Secretary and the Treasurer along with the Annual Accounts were received and approved for inclusion in the Conference Brochure. Interim reports from the Executive Committee and Regional Trustees were also received, discussed and approved.

**Finances.** The Treasurer reported that donations had increased following her last appeal to members, which has halted the downward trend. However she cautioned that, without recent legacies, we would still be in deficit and asked that Groups be reminded to continue to be aware of the need to increase the level of donations, so that we can be truly self-supporting.

**PI.** The GSB welcomed Peter Colton to his first Board meeting. Pete has been co-opted as Trustee at Large with responsibility for Public Information while he chairs a Task Force which is reviewing the function of the PI Committee, and will report to Conference in September.

**Legacy Project Update/Communications Strategy.** The GSB reviewed the highly successful "Untold Story" campaign, and discussed the implementation of the Communications Strategy developed by the PR professional who worked with us on the campaign.

**Website.** It was reported that the website continues to attract new enquiries. Work is ongoing on the members' section. Achieving full functionality has presented some challenges in this area, which are currently being addressed.

**AA 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** We have received an invitation to take part in a major event to celebrate AA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the UK, to take place in 2022. Further information will be provided in due course.

**IAGSM.** It was confirmed that Al-Anon UK & Eire will host the IAGSM meeting in London from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020. A host committee is already in place.

**New staff at GSO** Two new members of staff have been welcomed at GSO to work in the literature department and book-keeping.

**Literature.** A new literature list will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Alateen helpline.** A trial offering specific times on Sundays for young people to call the helpline has proved successful and it has been agreed that this service will continue.

**Eire.** Work is progressing towards registering Al-Anon as a separate charity in Eire.

**PI Magazine.** The Board was shown a draft of the next PI magazine, which will be launched at Conference 2019.

**Trustee Vacancies.** Nominations for the following Trustee positions were discussed and will be presented at Conference in September for traditional approval:

- Regional Trustee Scotland
- Regional Trustee Ireland North (to complete a two-year term)
- Chairman Conference Committee
- Chairman Editorial Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)
- Chairman PI Committee (one-year term)

As there was no nomination for the Regional Trustee England South & East the current Regional Trustee was co-opted to the Board as a Trustee at Large with responsibility for England South & East for a one-year term.

The following vacancies will be coming up in 2021:

- Regional Trustee Eire
- Regional Trustee England North & North Wales
- Regional Trustee England South & East (to complete the remaining 2 year term)
- Chair Public Information Committee
- Treasurer

Yours in Fellowship



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Chairman  
General Service Board