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GROUP REPRESENTATIVES: THIS LETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT NEWS 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 members' website www.al-anonuk.org.uk/members-resources and enter your email address to receive the eNewsletter. The GSB met on 22nd & 23rd June 2018 at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. All Trustees attended.

General Secretary. The Board welcomed back Nuala Carroll, who retired as General Secretary in January 2016 but has kindly returned to resume her post at GSO on an interim basis, following the departure of the previous General Secretary.

Office Manager. We now have an Office Manager in charge of the day-to-day running of GSO, to support the General Secretary. Trish Bainbridge has been a volunteer at GSO for several years and recently joined the staff as a full time employee. We are delighted that Trish will be bringing her expertise and enthusiasm to her new role.

Legacy Project Update. I reported that substantial progress has been made. Our professional PR consultant is finalising plans for an exciting national campaign, and work has begun with an agency to produce a completely new, state-of-the-art website. The Board is grateful for the PI ideas submitted by Areas, which are under review.

Trustee Vacancies. The Trustee vacancies for January 2019 are: Chairman, Executive Committee, Regional Trustee, England West & South Wales and Regional Trustee, Ireland North. Applications for two of these vacancies were reviewed and will be put forward for approval at Conference in September. There were no applicants for Regional Trustee, Ireland North.

The following vacancies will occur in 2020: Chairman Conference Committee, Chairman Editorial Committee, Regional Trustee, England South & East and Regional Trustee, Scotland.

Secretary to the General Service Board. The Board thanked the outgoing secretary Helen Jones for her service and welcomed Margi Senior who has taken up the role.

Alateen Eire. Following the January GSB, the RT for Eire undertook detailed investigations into the problems surrounding vetting of Alateen Group Sponsors and this was discussed further at this meeting. It has been agreed that we will seek legal advice to take the matter forward.

E-zine & Facebook. The Board was shown the latest edition of *Al-Anon Today*, and was asked by the Editorial Committee to remind everyone we need your shares both for the e-zine and for our Facebook page.

Reports. The Annual Accounts were received and approved along with the Annual Reports from the Standing Committee Chairmen, the General Secretary and the Treasurer for inclusion in the Conference Brochure. Interim reports from the Executive Committee and Regional Trustees were also received, discussed and approved. The Treasurer reported that donations continue to show a downward trend (when legacies are excluded) and asked that Groups and Areas be reminded not to hold on to excess funds which are needed by GSO.

IAGSM. The next IAGSM will take place from 3rd – 6th October in Virginia Beach and will be attended by Miriam MacGrath, our IAGSM delegate.

Lastly, a gentle reminder please to return any outstanding ARC 2018 (Annual Record Check) forms.

Yours in Fellowship



Susie Little
Chairman
General Service Board