



## **1. Background**

Alateen members in Ontario South have been active for many years. A committee called the Alateen Unity Committee has existed since 1968 and over time developed a charter and guidelines for the Unity Conference.

However, neither the charter nor the conference guidelines have ever been presented to AWSC or Assembly for formal approval.

In June 1990, the Executive passed a motion to have an Alateen observer at AWSC.

In May 1993 at AWSC, and subsequently, in November 1993 at Assembly, motions were passed to recognise the Alateen Unity Committee as an AIS of Ontario South, and to have the Chairperson become a full voting member of AWSC.

In 2000, it was realised that the Alateen Unity Committee did not perform any of the functions of an AIS and this situation was discussed by the Executive and brought forward to AWSC.

In May 2001 at AWSC a motion was made to rescind the 1993 motion and another motion was passed: 'That the Incoming Chairperson of the Alateen Unity Committee be invited to attend the AWSC preceding the Unity Conference with voice and vote, and the Assembly after the Conference with vote at Assembly only if a GR.

With the implementation of new requirements from WSO, this issue of an Alateen Committee was presented for discussion at Assembly in October 2006.

The following motion was passed: 'That the former Alateen Unity Committee charter be used as the guideline to establish an Alateen Advisory Committee with an OSA Executive Committee liaison.'

Another motion was passed: 'that the current Alateen Liaison be appointed as "Interim Chair" of the Alateen Advisory Committee'.

In May 2007, this committee is currently being formed. The charter and conference guidelines will be reviewed and presented to AWSC for discussion when Alateen members have been able to provide some input to the process.

In May 2008, it was moved that “a process be established to identify AMIASs at events within the Area by the A.A.P.P. in consultation with the Area Executive”.

In February 2010 an Executive meeting was held with further discussion of Alateen issues. Current Alateen Co-ordinator and an AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service) agreed to work with the Alateens on the Charter to present to AWSC May 2010, and were in agreement to further work on Conference guidelines prior to end of the year 2010. Alateens continue to work on forming a stronger Alateen Advisory Committee.