

AIS History - Years of Changes and Challenges

From the Group Scoop, October 1997;

1960 - Portland Al-Anon Intergroup is organized by 6 local groups, and have a chairman and treasurer. Monthly expenses are \$10 for rent and \$15 for answering service.

1972 - Steering Committee meetings are added in April, July and October.

1973 - Charter approved. Three officers; chair, treasurer and secretary, and the addition of four committees.

1974 - Name is changed to Al-Anon Information Service.

1976 - There are now 21 groups.

1977 - Charter is revised. Space is rented at the Dekum Bldg. on SW 3rd. Office is open 9-5 with round the clock phone coverage. There is one volunteer office manager with 65 volunteers to help out. Monthly expenses are \$50 for rent and \$25 for phone service. 2,560 calls are received the first year.

1979 - New bylaws are approved and incorporation is accomplished. There are now 30 groups.

1980 - Bylaws are revised. The name Steering Committee is changed to Service Committee. A Service Board is created with monthly meetings to oversee business aspects of the Information Service and Literature Depot. Five committees are added to the roster.

1981 - First paid office position is established.

1983 - AIS Office and Literature Depot move to Skyline Blvd. in the Beloc Bldg. There are now 70 groups and 4 districts. Yearly budget is \$25,000. Calls received are 5,140.

1987 - Office expands and moves next door, occupying a three room Suite #133.

1988 - Bylaws are revised. Yearly budget is \$60,000. Calls received are 8,600.

1989 - A second line is added to phone system. Calls received are 9,600.

1994 - 100 groups, 6 districts. Budget is \$53,000. Calls received 7,350.

1996 - 105 groups. Budget is \$57,000. Calls received 8,125.

2017 - 105 groups. Budget is \$51,364. Calls received in 2016 is 1,715.

Current, foundation Districts that support AIS; 9, 10, 11,12,17. Donations are accepted from individual members and all Oregon groups.

Per the AIS Meeting Schedule - Portland/Metro Meetings Include; 6 Alateen meetings, 4 Speaker Meetings, 2 Manual Studies, 4, Beginners meetings, and 8 Spanish Speaking meetings.

Vancouver Meetings Include; 18 regular meetings, 1 Newcomers meeting.

Al-Anon Information Service Center Portland, Oregon

“AIS, also known as an Intergroup, is a local service established and maintained by one or districts or by groups located close enough to one another for easy access and communication.”

2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, pg. 63

Positions on the AIS Board Committee;

Information Service Representative:

Representatives from each group who acts a link with the AIS office and tasks

***Board/Assistant Board Chair oversees the running of the AIS office and tasks**

Alateen Chair/Sponsors attends ISR/Alateen sponsorship meetings

***Treasure oversees financial operations and performs 1/4ly audits**

***Secretary keeps/posts minutes of all AIS meetings**

AIS Liaison attends all Al-Anon assemblies and AIS meetings

Office Managers are the 2 paid positions for the daily operation of the AIS office

Library Chair provides literature in public libraries

Literature Chair provided literature for assemblies, health fairs, etc.

Public Information Chair interacts with professionals outside of the Al-Anon program to reach newcomers; schools, medical community, etc.

Institutions Chair interacts with the treatment centers

Meetings on Wheels Chair provides meetings for homebound and ride challenged members

AIS Fund Raising Chair assists groups/districts in planning events/fund raisers & any available budget provided by AIS

Hospitality Chair guides attendees to ISR meetings

Group Scoop Chair/Editor creates and publishes the Group Scoop newsletter

12 Step Calls Chairs maintains a list of members to take calls that come into the AIS office from newcomers/members

Speakers Chair provides speakers for 12 step meetings (Al-Anon, AA, NA, etc.)

Health Fairs Chair arranges newcomer outreach at area events

Media Chair is the AIS liaison for public media contacts and public information; TV, newspapers, etc.

AA Liaison Chair attends the AA intergroup meetings for coordination of Al-Anon speaker/literature opportunities

Website Chair maintains AIS website as required

*Executive Board Positions



Contact the AIS office or your group ISR for the name and contact information for all positions.

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