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GROUP REPRESENTATIVES: THIS LETTER GIVES MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK YOUR 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 members' section of the website <https://www.al-anonuk.org.uk/members-resources/> and enter your email address to receive the GSO eNewsletter. Alternatively download this letter directly from the members' section of the website. The GSB meeting was held on 24th and 25th January 2020 at Hinsley Hall, Leeds.

New Trustees.

The Board welcomed all new Trustees to their first GSB meeting – Marie B, Regional Trustee, Ireland North; Karen M, Regional Trustee, Scotland, Helen McM, Chairman, Conference Committee and Nuala C, Chairman, GSB. Trish B was welcomed as the new General Secretary. Returning to the Board were Katherine L, Chairman, Editorial Committee (2nd term) and Becky D, Trustee at Large with responsibility for the Region England South & East.

Reports.

Interim Reports from the Standing Committee Chairmen (Editorial, Conference, GSB Nominating Committee, PI and TEAM Events Committee), Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Regional Trustees were received discussed and approved.

Finances.

The Board received the Treasurer's Interim Report and reviewed management accounts for the third quarter of the 2019-20 financial year. The Treasurer reported that members continue to respond very positively to the Treasurer's Letters sent out in the regular All Group Mailings. Sales of Literature are buoyant.

Helpline.

As a result of the increase in calls to the helpline, GSO needs more helpline volunteers and eResponders, the volunteers who reply to distress emails. Call GSO for further information on location and dates for training sessions which are held at GSO, electronically and around the Areas.

Members are asked **not** to use the 0800 freephone number to call GSO because this will increase the telephone costs for Al-Anon. Please phone the office on 020 7593 2070.

Public Information (PI).

The Untold Story campaign will be coming to an end later this year but a new campaign will be rolled out at Conference 2020. In the meantime please continue to support the mini campaigns suggested by GSO when information is circulated.

Members are required to join the PI Committee and if you are interested, please contact the PI Officer at GSO.

Literature.

The new Bookmark UK120 *Just for Tonight* is now available to purchase via the shop or directly from GSO. The cost is 70p per bookmark or 10 for £2.50. An updated literature order form can be downloaded via the shop and the members' section of the website <https://www.al-anonuk.org.uk/literature/>.

Trustee Vacancies.

The following is a list of the vacancies for January 2021.

- Regional Trustee, Eire.
- Regional Trustee, England West & South Wales (to complete remaining one-year term).
- Regional Trustee, England North & North Wales.
- Regional Trustee, England South & East (to complete remaining two-year term).
- Chairman, Public Information Committee.
- Treasurer.

The closing date for receipt of applications at GSO for all the above is 14th May 2020.

Eire.

The Board reviewed and approved the necessary documents to progress the application to the Charities Regulatory Authority in Eire.

Conference 2020.

The next UK & Eire Service Conference Friday 18th to Sunday 20th September 2020 will be held at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. The Theme for Conference is "Service – A Privilege not a Burden" and the equalised fee was agreed at £431.

TEAM Events.

A TEAM event will be held on 16th May 2020 in Cambridge organised by Areas 5 and 28.

Yours in fellowship



Nuala Carroll
Chairman
General Service Board