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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 AND SHARE WITH YOUR GROUPS.

Dear Members,

At this very strange and difficult time in which we find ourselves, the General Service Board held a virtual Board meeting on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June. We could not meet at our usual venue in Leeds. All Trustees attended, with the exception of the Regional Trustee, England North & North Wales who sent her apologies. There was a very scaled down agenda for the meeting.

This letter and other information will be circulated directly to the Area Delegates and to members who have signed up for the free GSO eNewsletter. Visit the Al-Anon website www.al-anonuk.org.uk to sign up via the Members' area.

Reports The Annual Reports of the Standing Committee Chairmen, the General Secretary and the Treasurer along with the Annual Accounts were received and approved. These will be included in a pack made available to the Area Delegates in place of the Conference Brochure. Interim reports from the Executive Committee and Regional Trustees were also received, discussed and approved.

Finances The Treasurer reported on the current financial situation which has remained steady but requested that members keep donating and if UK taxpayers, to gift aid the donations where appropriate. At this critical time for our income, members are asked to purchase literature from our online shop only, as literature bought through other outlets does not generate income for our structure and will inevitably impact negatively on our future finances.

Conference In May the General Service Board made a decision to cancel Conference 2020 and the grading of Trustees to take up vacant positions in January 2021. The decision was taken as a result of the continued uncertainty surrounding the rules on travel and safe distancing for all because of the Coronavirus pandemic. The announcement can be found on the Members' area>Members' Resources section of the website. Information that would usually be presented at Conference will be circulated as appropriate during the year.

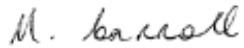
PI Preparations are under way for a new PI Campaign to start in January 2021. Information that would have been presented at Conference will be circulated to all Area Delegates and Area PI Co-ordinators in due course.

Helpline Calls to the Helpline and emails received have increased significantly and more volunteers are needed for both roles. Email records@al-anonuk.org.uk for training and information.

Electronic Meetings Information regarding electronic meetings was discussed and an eNewsletter was prepared for circulation.

Eire The Board received an update on progress towards registering Al-Anon Family Groups Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) as a charity in Eire.

Yours in Fellowship



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Chairman
General Service Board