



Al-Anon Family Groups
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April 20, 2022, Intergroup Meeting

***Call to Order and Serenity Prayer**

***Twelve Traditions (read by volunteer)**

Announcement of Service Board Election Results _____ **Amber E.**

Secretary Chip G.

*Obtain quorum count:

*Review for approval minutes of the February 16, 2022, Intergroup Meeting

Approval Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Ayes: _____ No votes _____ Abstained _____

*Secretary's Summary of old (unfinished) business, new business, and any motions that were passed from the March 16, 2022, Service Board Meeting.

Spiritual Guidelines for AI-Anon Business Meetings: (Adopted October 20, 2021, from World Service Conference procedures for use at our Intergroup meetings.)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AI-Anon’s Spiritual Principles of Respect and Safety, reading from “Hope for Today,” page 86, (read by volunteer)

Consider Meeting Format:The Spiritual Guidelines for AI-Anon Business Meetings we adopted in October and just reviewed speak mostly to members’ participation. In order to maintain a meeting environment of respect, safety and support for members, it would be helpful to adopt the format for meeting structure we have been following on Zoom as the pattern for meetings when we resume in-person sessions. The format we have been following on Zoom is used by the World Service Conference—and Southern California World Service Area meetings. That format calls for members to stay silent until recognized to take their turn at the microphone, to stay on topic, to keep their remarks brief so that necessary business can be accomplished, and to speak with courtesy for others.

Why? Over the years, many members have reported seeing meetings take on a chaotic atmosphere, which has caused some nominees for the Board to refuse service because of the stress and which has also inhibited member participation. Some members report a reluctance to serve as an Information Service Representative; others have said their groups discourage newcomers from service at the Intergroup level, redirecting them instead to a more business-like World Service position.

Recommendation: Adopt the World Service Conference meeting format not only for our Zoom meetings, but also for in-person meetings. The format calls for members to stay silent until recognized to take their turn at the microphone, to stay on topic, to keep their remarks brief so that necessary business can be accomplished, and to speak with courtesy for others

Motion: _____

.Moved by _____ Secoded by _____

Ayes: _____ No votes _____ Abstained _____

2, Correcting Out-of-Date Group Manual Information: In the years before the AI-Anon/ Alateen Service Manual was put into a user-friendly format and made widely available, the Orange County/Greater Long Beach Area AIS Group Manual included material that is found today in the Groups at Work section and other portions of the Service Manual. The Service Manual is updated every three years; the Group Manual content that duplicates Service Manual content has not been updated in a number of years. As a consequence, some information in the group manual is significantly out of date. For example: The Service Manual no longer has the requirement that members have a year in AI-Anon before they can be an Information Service Representative, but that requirement remains in the OC/GLB Group Manual. Although the Service Manual does not define the length of the term ISRs serve, the Group Manual limits service to one year. A year ago that resulted in the office staff removing a number of timed-out ISRs from its roster, thereby depriving groups of information bulletins and their opportunity to vote on AIS issues.

Recommendation: That members approve the removal from the Group Manual of topics addressed in the Service Manual, which is updated regularly. Monitoring for changes needed to make the Group Manual content reflect Service Manual content would be a labor-intensive process for which neither office staff nor Board members have the time.

Motion: _____

.Moved by _____ Secoded by _____

Ayes: _____ No votes _____ Abstained _____

REPORTS

Treasurer Sarah G: Submission of financial reports:

Additional verbal information/comments:

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Office Coordinator, Kevin O.: Additional verbal information/comments:

Chair-Elect Laura B. Additional verbal information/comments:

Ex-Officio Amber E.:Additional verbal information/comments:

Alateen Activities Chairperson Kelli M.: Additional verbal information/comments:

Alateen Liaisons (those interested see Alateen Activities Chairpersons):
District 57: open, District 60: open, District 63: open, District 66: open.

Foreign Language Liaisons:

Spanish Liaison (carry information to Spanish groups in AIS Districts and District 64): Position Vacant

***Farsi Speaking: (carry information to Farsi/Iranian Speaking groups): Ben P.**

Fundraising and Telephone Coverage Chairperson: Lauren H.: Additional verbal information/comments:

Institutions Chairperson: Ginger C.: Additional verbal information/comments:

Orange Blossom News Editors Rachelle A. and Nancy R.: Additional verbal information/comments:

Public Information Chairpersons: Marni C. and Mary M.: Additional verbal information/comments:

World Service Liaison: Isabel C: Additional verbal information/comments:

Chairperson Carol G. Additional verbal information/comments:

Brief Al-Anon Related Announcements

Celebration of Al-Anon Birthdays in March and April:

Motion to adjourn made by _____ seconded by _____ Time: _____