

NEW YORK SOUTH ASSEMBLY AREA AREA 40

(Formerly known as Southern New York Assembly Area)

AREA GUIDELINES

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

Al-Anon is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization, or institution; does not engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. There are no dues for membership. Al-Anon is self-supporting through its own voluntary contributions.

Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic.

-Suggested Preamble to the Twelve Steps

Al-Anon Declaration

Let It Begin with Me

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen
always be there, and – *Let It Begin with Me.*

It is intended that these Guidelines be used in conjunction with the most current *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. (P-24/27)

The information contained herein applies to the New York South Assembly Area (formerly the Southern New York Assembly Area) in relation to the World Service Conference, Area World Service Committee meetings, and Area Assemblies.

All terminology and abbreviations used are the same as in the *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. (P-24/27)

Any changes in the New York South Assembly Area (NYSA) or Area Convention Guidelines must be brought to two Assemblies for discussion, with voting at the second Assembly.

All changes to the New York South Assembly Area Guidelines, once approved at a second Area Assembly, will be made to the New York South Assembly Area Guidelines on the Members' section of the Area Web-Site and the revision date will be updated accordingly.

All major decisions of the Assembly, including all subsequent sets of motions will be added at the end of each year to the Members' section/Guidelines of the Area website for reference. References to any individual's last names will be removed to protect anonymity at a public level.

AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

Amendments to the Guidelines will be presented in the form of a motion with copies distributed as required by motion procedure. After a discussion at the Area World Service Committee on the wording of each amendment, notice of the motions will be included with the agenda for the Assembly. It will be discussed at two consecutive Assemblies. Voting will take place after discussion at the second Assembly.

The Guidelines may be amended by a 2/3 vote of GRs represented at the second Assembly. A 2/3 vote is determined by the number of yes and no votes cast for a particular motion. Abstentions are not considered as votes. Therefore, the number of voting members will vary from motion to motion.

Amendments to Area Convention Guidelines are to be brought to one AWSC meeting and two consecutive assemblies for discussion and vote at the second assembly. Proposed changes should be listed on the Agenda for the next two assemblies.

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The purposes for which this organization is formed are:

- **offering help and hope to families and friends who are or have been deeply affected by the disease of alcoholism**
- **finding understanding and learning what to do to help ourselves, which can indirectly help our alcoholic relatives, loved ones and friends, whether they are still drinking or not.**
- **carrying the message of hope and recovery and ensuring Al-Anon and Alateen will be here for the newcomer**

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