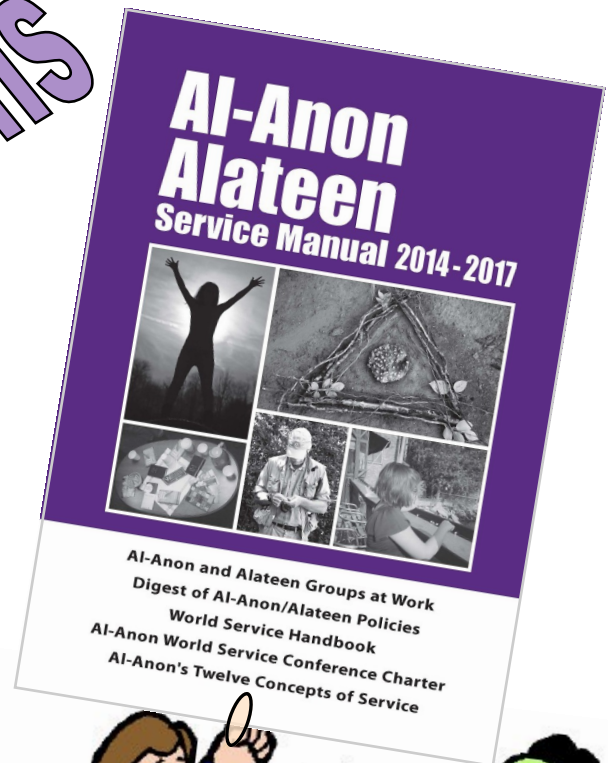


## As the Group Turns

This game is designed to simulate how the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27) is used as a resource to resolve group problems. During gameplay, a question is asked in much the same way that a trusted servant might be asked to provide guidance to members or groups. The players then have a specified amount of time to look up applicable references in the *Service Manual*. The team that finds the most references that are relevant to the questions asked wins the game. A panel of "Service Sponsors" helps with the scoring. There are scenarios provided with the game materials, but any question, including "Ask-it-Basket" questions may be used as well.

The responses to the questions/vignettes are not intended to be an exhaustive list. Members may find additional information in the *Service Manual*.

AS THE GROUP TURNS



# “As the Group Turns” Instructions

## Purpose:

The idea of this game is to simulate how the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (P-24/27) is used as a resource to resolve group problems, or when trusted servants are asked to provide guidance to members or groups.

## Roles:

- Moderator
- Three to five Service Sponsors serve as a panel that reviews the responses of the various teams
- Timer
- Team representative

## To play the game:

- The participants (audience/attendees) are divided into teams with a maximum number of six members per group. Each team should have at least one *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* in either print or electronic format. If each team member has a copy, it will be easier for them to do the research as a team.
- The moderator reads one of the prepared questions/vignettes to the audience. Or, questions can be submitted by members prior to the game or proposed by a member during the game. In this way, the outcome of the game can address real-world, real-time situations or concerns of the membership.
- The teams have five minutes to look up one or more topic headings and page number(s) that provide guidance for addressing the issues addressed in each question.
- At the end of five minutes, the moderator asks the teams to give their list of references to the panel of Service Sponsors.
- A representative of each team then shares their suggested solution to the problem and how the references they selected from the *Service Manual* apply to each question (how they would present the information to the group or member who asked the question). Each team has two minutes to share its solution to a question/vignette.

**Note:** *The oral sharing is not part of the scoring of the game, but can serve as an opportunity for sharing ideas that may lead to healthy discussion.*

- Each team receives one point for each reference (topic heading and page number) in the *Service Manual* submitted to the Service Sponsors panel if the panel determines that the reference(s) are applicable to the question/vignette.

**Note:** *It is helpful if the Service Sponsors present a cumulative list of the references (headings and page numbers) submitted after the scoring is completed, along with any explanation of references they did not feel were applicable.*

- The game can be played for one or more rounds of questions/vignettes or for as much time as is available.
- After all rounds are completed, the team with the most points is the winner.
- If there is a tie, select from one of the alternatives:
  - The team with the most cumulative references is the winner.
  - The team with the most references to any single question/vignette is the winner.
  - The winning team can be drawn from a hat.
- Variations—Add a speed component by giving less time to look up references, e.g., 30 seconds, one or two minutes.

# As the Group Turns Questions/Vignettes

According to the *Service Manual*,  
can a member of  
Al-Anon who is also a member of  
A.A. be certified as an  
Al-Anon Member Involved in  
Alateen Service (AMIAS)?

What are some ways that a group can fund-raise to cover the costs of the Group Representative's (GR's) expenses?

**What is a CMA and what does a CMA do? Is a CMA also the Group Representative (GR)?**

Is there a way to welcome nursing students to our meetings if our meetings are designated as “open”?

**How does the group conduct a business meeting and take a vote for a group conscience decision?**

Can I mention or quote from books that are not Al-Anon Conference Approved, but that I have found helpful, when I am sharing at a meeting?

**Can we invite an expert on  
alcoholism to speak at our meeting?**

“As the Group Turns”  
Questions/Vignettes and Potential Responses  
2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual References

The responses to the questions/vignettes are not intended to be an exhaustive list. Members may find additional information in the *Service Manual*.

- 1) According to the *Service Manual*, can a member of Al-Anon who is also a member of A.A. be certified as an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)?

Information pertaining to this issue can be found on the following pages of the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (not an exhaustive list):

Starting an Alateen Group, p. 31.  
Alateen Personal Sponsor, p. 49.  
Alateen Group Sponsor, p. 88.

- 2) What are some ways that a group can fund-raise to cover the costs of the Group Representative's (GR's) expenses?

Information pertaining to this issue can be found on the following pages of the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (not an exhaustive list):

Passing the Basket, p. 9.  
Group Finances/Budget, p. 56.  
Fund Raising, p. 97.  
Outside Contributions, p. 97  
Avoiding Commercialism, p. 97.  
Raffles/Lottery Tickets, p. 98.

- 3) What is a CMA and what does a CMA do? Is a CMA also the Group Representative (GR)?

Information pertaining to this issue can be found on the following pages of the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (not an exhaustive list):

WSO Registration Process, p. 30.  
CMA (Current Mailing Address), p. 34, 47.  
Multiple Meetings, p. 37.  
Getting the Meeting Started, p. 38.  
Starting an Electronic Al-Anon Meeting (On-line and Telephone), p. 38.  
Initial Group Service Positions, p. 39.  
Group Business Meetings, p. 52.  
Trusted Servants' Reports, p. 55.  
Group Finances/Budget, p. 56.  
Newsletters/Timely Publications, p. 61.  
Groups, p. 70.  
Service Communication, p. 93.  
Mailing Address at the WSO, p. 156.

- 4) Is there a way to welcome nursing students to our meetings if our meetings are designated as “open”?

Information pertaining to this issue can be found on the following pages of the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (not an exhaustive list):

Suggested Al-Anon/Alateen Welcome, pp. 10-11.  
The Alateen Meeting, p. 33.  
Meeting Type: Open/Closed Meetings, p. 36.  
Introductory Meetings, p. 83.  
Who Attends Alateen Meetings, p. 89.

- 5) How does the group conduct a business meeting and take a vote for a group conscience decision?

Information pertaining to this issue can be found on the following pages of the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (not an exhaustive list):

Group Business Meetings and Group Conscience, p. 51.  
Group Business Meetings, p. 52.  
Group Conscience, p. 53.

- 6) Can I mention or quote from books that are not Al-Anon Conference Approved, but that I have found helpful, when I am sharing at a meeting?

Information pertaining to this issue can be found on the following pages of the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (not an exhaustive list):

Sharing in Al-Anon/Alateen Meetings, p. 40.  
Use of Material at Al-Anon Meetings, p. 104.

- 7) Can we invite an expert on alcoholism to speak at our meeting?

Information pertaining to this issue can be found on the following pages of the *2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* (not an exhaustive list):

Speaker Meetings, p. 45.  
Tradition Six, p. 56.  
Speakers from the Helping Professions, p. 121.  
Members' Outside Involvement, p. 122.  
Outside Therapies, p. 124.  
Professional Involvement, p. 124.