

Ask-It-Basket Questions Fall Assembly 2025

1. If an AI-Anon member declared themselves an alcoholic and has attended AA meetings and has since decided they are not an alcoholic, can they run as a district rep.?

The World Service Conference Summary 2005 pg 65 says you can decide whether or not the person can serve, not whether they are an alcoholic or not. That is up to the person involved.

Pg 87 only refers to members of AA, not whether they are an alcoholic or not.

2. Since 2003, a few members from my Home Group have started up and have been attending Step Study, Traditions Study and Concepts Study meetings that have run for 8 or 9 months for each Study. These meetings are outside of our regular meetings and in a different location. Motions have been made at our Business Meetings to have my Home Group pay the rent for the venue that they are using to hold these Studies, and the motions have been passed. As I said, only a few members are attending so it is not benefiting our whole Home Group. Is this an outside issue to my Home Group? Shouldn't the members that are attending these Study meetings be paying their own separate 7th tradition?

Pg 48,49 of Service Manual. No this is not an outside issue as it does involve some group members. The member can go to her/his Group Rep and ask for a group conscience/business meeting to review the matter. A group conscience is the will of the group. The guiding principles for the group conscience are always the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. It may be helpful for the group to review these principles prior to the group discussions. Some simple group decisions may be decided quickly; however, others may take time. It is by taking the time necessary to hear from all members who want to participate that a group conscience evolves.

Concept Two tells us that members have the right of appeal. If a member disagrees with the outcome of a group conscience decision, they have the right to submit an appeal for reconsideration back to the body that made the decision. After an appeal is heard, regardless of whether the decision is maintained or altered, the individual accepts the group conscience.

3. In the Service Manual on page 74, it states that each AIS (AI-Anon Information Services) should appoint a Liaison who communicates with the Area. What if this is not happening? What if the AIS does not have a liaison or they are not communicating information to the appropriate area persons?

Motion 15/17: Carried

Being that AIS is governed by their respective Districts AIS reports will be included in the District Reports.

AI-Anon Information Service (AIS/Intergroups) pg. 63,64,65 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 22

4. What Costs are to be covered by the district when we bid for Assembly? Meals on registration form vs actual? Room costs in bid vs actual? Who is self-supporting – Assembly or District?

Assembly is the Area's Business Meeting and is an Area Event. Therefore, Area is responsible for Assembly expenses. Both Area and District are self supporting. Any incidental expenses in preparing for Assembly are covered by Area with a Cash Advance before Assembly &/or reimbursement after Assembly when the total expenses are calculated. Assembly finances are not the responsibility of the District hosting the Event although the District needs to be financially prudent.

Tradition 9: Our groups, as such, ought never be organized but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept 10: Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority and double headed management is avoided.

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. “Roberts Rules of Order” (use in meetings, business, district and area) Where does this helpful tool fit in Al-Anon?

Roberts Rules of Order is a standard manual of parliamentary procedures. Al-Anon often adopts these rules informally to fit its group conscience process. This provides a framework so everyone’s voice can be heard and group decisions are made fairly and efficiently, consistent with Al-Anon’s twelve traditions and concepts of service.

6. Clarity re: finances on different levels when travelling together/sharing accommodation. Some members believe that because higher levels are reimbursed, the others need not contribute. I believe EACH person is self-supporting. Asking so that ALL members get clarity.

When members travel together, each member is self-supporting. The Area position is reimbursed by the Area; the Group Representative, by the Group, and an interested member who is not volunteering in any position pays their own way.

7. Can you please clarify the restrictions on members who are also members of A.A. It was suggested on Friday night that they do not get to vote on their Group’s business. This is incorrect. Members of A.A. cannot hold the positions of Group Rep. or Alternate but they can hold other positions (Secretary, Treasurer, etc.) and of course they can participate in group decisions.

P. 87 of the Service manual – Al-Anon’s policy is that members who are also members of A.A. do not serve as Group Representative (GR), District Representative (DR), Area Delegate, World Service Conference member, alternate to any of these positions or on any committee of the World Service Office...

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Al-Anon members who are also members of A.A. participate fully in all group activities, including group conscience decisions. However, they do not hold Al-Anon service positions that vote in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or A.A. as a whole... Members of Al-Anon who are also members of A.A. are often in a position to carry our message to those who are not aware of the benefits of attending Al-Anon Family Groups. Members of Al-Anon who are also members of A.A. may serve Al-Anon in ways that include being an Alateen Group Sponsor, or they may be invited by local/Area service arms, The Board of Trustees, or the World Service Office to participate in projects, in keeping with the spirit of this policy. This policy on service participation by members of Al-Anon who are also A.A. members, protects Al-Anon’s viability as a program dedicated to helping families and friends of alcoholics. It ensures that Al-Anon’s service structure represents the unique perspective of families and friends of alcoholics, recognizing that the alcoholic’s perspective is represented in A.A.’s service structure. Members honor this policy out of respect for Al-Anon unity and the group conscience process, in accordance with Tradition One and Tradition Two.

8. AWSC (Area World Service Committee) meetings are March and September to plan Assemblies. Shouldn't Assemblies be April/May and October? Nice to miss snow and ice conditions when travelling.

Motion: 27/08: CARRIED

That Saskatchewan Assembly hold two Area Service Committee Meetings per year – one be held in March and one to be held in September, and two seminar weekends per year – one to be held in June and one to be held in November.

Some participants at Ask-it-Basket recall part of the conversation revolving around and considering the seeding and harvest peak seasons.

9. How are the 3 AI-Anon members chosen for the Executive Committee?

This question was too vague to answer.

10. Does AI-Anon have promises? I hear members referring to a passage from "From Survival to Recovery" as AI-Anon promises.

No, AI-anon doesn't have formally recognized "promises" like AA.

Yes there's a much loved passage in From Survival to Recovery that many people refer to as the AI-anon promises because it captures the spirit of recovery and healing that comes from working the program.

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11. Aren't 50-50 tickets sales like gambling? Why not just have a regular raffle, then we don't have to share the proceeds. Sometimes we focus too much on the money rather than our fellowship and recovery.

The short answer is yes. We don't remember Area having a 50/50 ever. We have done raffles in the past where districts and groups have brought donated baskets and we've raffled those off within the Assembly only.

12. Does the Area pay for health insurance for the Delegate to attend the World Service Conference?

The WSO (World Service Office) **requires** (strongly suggests) we have health coverage for the days we are away. They reimburse the expense.

13. With the political climate in the USA and report of people having difficulties with delays and detainment, what was the Delegate's experience?

The Canadian and Puerto Rico Delegates specifically requested a document on World Service letterhead, stating the purpose of our trip, and that we are volunteers and will receive no pay. It is believed that four out of fifteen were asked for proof, verification of their purpose at customs. No one had trouble.

14. \$350. For the 3-year term for Archivist expenses or each year?

Yes, per year amount for expenses. These expenses would cover travel to attend and care for the needs to manage orderly archives. Travel includes mileage, food and lodging, etc.