

Dear Rhode Island AL-Anon:

I am writing to share the dire situation of RI AL-Anon. This has been an on-going situation, even though it might not have been discussed. The Rhode Island Area World Service Committee currently has 11 open positions. Without these positions being filled, it is very difficult for RI AL-Anon to continue to function the way an Area is intended to function, as laid out in the Service Manual. These openings put a lot of strain on the members that hold positions currently-these openings put gaps in the Service Structure. All service positions are separate, but for the Area to function as a whole, these need to be filled.

Overwhelming response from the Fall Assembly feedback forms was that we should talk about service positions less. Without Area Service positions being filled; RI AL-Anon structure does not exist.

I feel that I should explain why an Assembly is held. An Assembly is a business meeting-not a fellowship meeting. (Page 67 of Service Manual)

An Assembly is held to discuss business topics and to elect new Area members. One of the main functions of an Area Assembly is to discuss service positions. (Page 140 of Service manual)

The following positions are currently open in the Area:

Alternate Delegate	Area Chair
Area Secretary	Alateen Coordinator
District 1 Representative	District 3 Representative
Forum Coordinator	Group records Coordinator
Public Outreach Coordinator	Website Coordinator
Workshop Coordinator	

In Addition to this we do not have volunteers for our RI AL-Anon Office and many groups do not have Group Representatives.

If these service positions are not filled-then the future of RI AL-Anon is in jeopardy. Concept ten teaches us that double headed management should be avoided. This applies to our current AWSC members doing just the service position they volunteered and were elected to do.

Any questions concerning the open service positions and the future of RI AL-Anon please reach out to me at:[Delegate.riafg@gmail.com](mailto:Delegate.riafg@gmail.com)

Love in Service and Fellowship,

RI Area 49 Delegate,

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“The future of RI AL-Anon is in your hands.”