Accepting Electronic Groups to the Rhode Island Area

I. Purpose. The purpose of this Accepting Electronic Groups to the Rhode Island Area Policy (this “Policy”) is to define the Requirements for Electronic Groups to be accepted as part of the Rhode Island Area.

II. Scope. This Policy applies to Electronic Groups that are requesting to be part of the Rhode Island Area.

III. Policy. It is the policy of Rhode Island Area (49) to accept Electronic Groups as part of the Rhode Island Area when the following requirements and procedures are met.

IV. Requirements.

(a) Electronic Groups

(1) Are required to be part of the Rhode Island Area Electronic District

(2) Are required to meet the WSO criteria for any Al-Anon Family Group and will abide by the Traditions and the meetings will be open to any Al-Anon member (Page 85 of the 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual)

(3) Group Representative and Current Mailing Address, home address must be in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and or Connecticut

(b) Rhode Island Area World Service Committee (AWSC)

(1) Create an Electronic District

(2) Review the Electronic Group’s “WSO form to change Areas”

(c) Group Representative (GR)

(1) Elect a District Representative

(2) Attend District Meetings

(3) Attend Area Assemblies

(4) Home address is in RI, MA or CT

(d) RI Area Assembly

(1) Review this Policy after one-year to vote on any suggested changes

(2) Review this Policy at the end of the two-year trial period to vote for ending the trial period and making this an Official Policy
V. Procedure.

(a) Electronic Group
   (1) Obtain, complete, and submit the “Area Change Form for Al-Anon Groups with an Electronic Location” to the Group Records Coordinator

(b) Group Records Coordinator
   (1) Forward the request to the Area Chair and Delegate to be discussed and approved at the next available Area meeting
   (2) Update the group’s record in WSO’s Online Group Records database
   (3) Add the Group’s meetings to the Rhode Island Area meetings list

(c) Area World Service Committee
   (1) Approve or Deny the Electronic Group’s request to join the Rhode Island Area

(d) Area Delegate
   (1) Submit the “Area Change Form for Al-Anon Groups with an Electronic Location” to WSO

(e) Website Coordinator
   (1) Post the meeting information on the official Area Website

VI. Acronyms

(a) AWSC – Area World Service Committee
(b) GR – Group Representatives
(c) DR – District Representatives
(d) CMA – Current Mailing Address
(e) WSO – World Service Office

REFERENCES: Al-Anon / Alateen Service Manual

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