



Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups

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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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REPLACES: N/A