

Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups (RI AFG)

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TITLE: Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Members-holding multiple voting positions

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1. PURPOSE

To improve clarity and define service roles within our AWSC.

History: At several AWSC meetings the topic of committee members holding multiple positions at the area service level have required repetitive discussion. An action was assigned to the Policy committee on September 10, 2009 to create a policy which defines the amount of roles an AWSC member may fill.

The Policy committee research included asking for the Experience Strength and Hope of our world wide service fellowship and the consensus of responses from established areas were taken into consideration as part of our decision.

More Background Information:

Each position in our area is important and needs the full attention of one member. A Delegate would not hold another position while serving as Delegate. Why would any other positions be held by the same person? When members try to fill multiple positions, they do not do justice to either position or to themselves. We no longer have to be all things to all people. We only need to fill one position at a time. That is enough. We are enough. Most important, we deprive another member of the Joy of Service.

The unity of our Fellowship as described in Tradition 1, our need to be self-supporting as stated in Tradition 7, and the participation discussed in Concept 4, remind us that this is a WE program and all members are needed, not just a few doing everything day after day. A member cannot give their "all" to any position when they are holding multiple positions, and this takes away from the fellowship and their personal growth. It also hinders someone else from growing through service work.

An added note: According to World Service Conference (WSC) Policy a member may not be the Group Representative (GR) of more than one group; that the same would apply to an area officer is a reasonable request.

Policy 01-2009- No AWSC voting member shall hold more than one voting position for AWSC meetings.