

2020 Fall AWSC Delegate Report

Meetings in the time of COVID:

I encourage discussions with our groups and our members on how we can best connect with each other during this time of social distancing. What options do we have in Ohio to ensure that as many members and those looking for us can connect to the gifts of our program and participate in our discussions?

First, I'll try to sum up the various ways meetings are occurring.

- Any group that is registered at WSO for Ohio as a face to face meeting that is now meeting electronically on a temporary basis is still a member of AFG of Ohio, Inc and the GR (or proxy) still has a vote.
- Any new group that registers and plans to be face to face (has a location that they will be able to use at some point but is now meeting temporarily on an electronic platform) is still a member of the AREA and has the opportunity (responsibility!) to send a GR or proxy to Assembly.
- Only if you are registered as an electronic meeting on the WSO site are you then *not* a member of an Area. That is a totally separate registration. You are no longer considered a Group and are no longer represented by an Area in the WSC structure.
- My current understanding is that meetings can also be held on the new mobile app, but they will also not be a part of any AREA and are treated as all the other permanent electronic meetings.

So, if your group's face to face meeting is now meeting temporarily on an electronic basis – the various (not exclusive) options are:

- Passing that information by word of mouth, phone calls or emails to your members.
- Sharing that information with whatever answering service or local website you use (including whether or not your group is open to observers or just for friends and family)
- Registering with WSO as a temporary electronic meeting (same day and time, but now using an electronic platform) which will put that information up on the WSO meeting website. The group decides whether how to “get there” is also posted or how/whom to contact to get the information for any url or password or phone number.
 - <https://al-anon.org/for-members/group-resources/group-records/>
 - <https://form.jotform.com/20100629180414>
 - Being on the WSO website makes it more available to members looking for a meeting from anywhere – and gives the group a chance to connect with members from other Areas and from other parts of the world.
- Your group makes its choice of how to proceed by having a group conscience to discuss the options and listening to every member's feeling on what choice or choices seem best for themselves and for the group - and for Al-Anon as a whole (autonomy!).

The Al-Anon Family Group Mobile App

Watch the app launch video, read more information, and find links to download the Al-Anon Family Groups app from iTunes and Google Play, visit al-anon.org/mobileapp.

- What it is:

- A social app for AI-Anon members to connect with one another to share our experience, strength, and hope
- A new platform for electronic meetings
- A way to connect with your AI-Anon family in private chats
- A place to create and update a digital AI-Anon journal
- A place to stay informed on the latest information from the World Service Office (WSO)
- A place to purchase additional content such as a daily member sharing
- What it is not:
 - A face-to-face meeting list

Reduced shipping costs from WSO

- for a limited time - \$5 for orders under \$50 shipped to US, Bermuda and Puerto Rico

Job opening at WSO- Magazine Editor

The job of Magazine Editor-

- ensures that AI-Anon magazines have content that supports the strategic goals and spiritual principles of AI Anon Family Groups.
- implements promotional activities for *The Forum* and *AI-Anon Faces Alcoholism*.
- requires five or more years of membership and service in AI-Anon.
- To apply for this position, please forward your resume and cover letter to HumanRes@al-anon.org
- For more information, click on "Employment" on www.al-anon.org (bottom of each web page)

Send your questions and comments to Delegate@ohioal-anon.org

Respectfully submitted, 8/22/2020
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