

Group Records Report

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I'm still getting quite a few changes because of the panel change. As of early April, we have 521 physical groups and 22 electronic groups registered in Florida North Area. Of the physical groups, there are 331 classified as active, 178 inactive, 10 no mail and 2 are classified as not meeting. The electronic groups have 18 active, 2 inactive and 2 no mail.

Groups get classified as "inactive" if they do not have a current CMA. A group is classified as "no mail" if mail from WSO is returned as undeliverable. And, groups are classified as "not meeting" if someone tries to go to the meeting and no-one is there.

There have been some questions about local electronic groups. Electronic groups in FL N Area can now be registered with WSO without a physical address. However, since they are considered local, a zip code is needed so they can be placed on WSO's location map. Once registered, electronic groups are listed on the WSO website with the physical groups for the Area. If an electronic group is part of the Global Electronic Area (GEA), they cannot participate in the FL N Area unless they transfer to FL N and drop their GEA membership. A group can only vote in one Area. GEA meetings are listed separately on the WSO website.

I have been asked about the best way to make a change in a group's record. The best way is what you're comfortable with and what system your District prefers. You can use the printed Group Records Change Form and submit it to you District Group Records Chair, you can scan it or take a picture of it and send it to me (grouprecords-64@afgarea9.org), or you can mail it directly to WSO. You can also send me an email detailing the changes. If you do that, please be sure to include the group name, WSO group number and your District. You can also go to the WSO website (Al-Anon.org), go to members, group resources, group records and fill out the change form on line. If you are submitting a change for a physical group, use the Al-Anon Groups box. If you're an electronic group, use the World Wide Electronic Box. It will ask you which Area.

Most of all, if you have questions about Group Records, call me, email me, text me, or whatever. I will do my best to help.

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