

## **(Area) Charter**

### **1. Purpose**

- a. To connect the Groups in this geographic location to the worldwide fellowship of Al-Anon Family Groups through it's service structure
- b. To be a service body, not a government
- c. To be the custodian of archives of the Area
- d. To operate under the principles of the three Legacies: Steps, Traditions and Concepts.

### **2. Composition**

- a. The Area is made up all Al-Anon members of the 13 Districts, however divided. Current District boundaries are listed on the Area website.
- b. The Area is divided into Service Structure arms as follows:
  - Groups
  - Districts
  - AWSC Panel
  - Assembly
- c. The Area includes an Area World Service Committee (or AWSC Panel) that is elected every three years according to the Area Election Procedures Guidelines. The AWSC Panel includes:
  - Officers
  - Coordinators
  - DRs
  - AISLs
  - Past Delegates
  - Event Chairs
- d. AWSC Panel serves for three years in accordance with our Election Procedures, except for Event Chairs who serve for the term of their Event service.
- e. The Area Assembly is made up of Group Representatives from every active Group according to the records of the WSO. In addition various Districts may send District Officers and other Al-Anon members as Growth Investment Persons (GIPs) as they determine according to their own District Guidelines. They participate in accordance with Assembly procedures.

### **3. Relation to Al-Anon**

- a. The Area acts on behalf of the informed group conscience of the Districts and Groups in matters of Public Outreach, Member Services and connecting to the WSO services.
- b. Through its duly elected Delegate the Area is in an ongoing working relationship with the WSO and the Board of Trustees.
- c. Members of Al-Anon attending the Assembly may express views on policies and projects.
- d. Group Representatives vote on behalf of their Groups. One vote per group. As with all levels of service, the GR is a trusted servant who can vote on behalf of the Group, District and Area according to their conscience and in light of any KBDM information they receive.
- e. Wording of this Charter may be changed by a vote of 3/4 of Assembly members after changes have been through the KBDM process of Thought and Task Force deliberation.