

(Area) Charter

5. Assembly: Purpose of

a. Assembly convenes twice a year (Spring and Fall) for the purpose of conducting Al-Anon business. This business can include:

- * Election of Assembly Officers and choosing Coordinators for the Panel once every three years, including sending a Delegate to the World Service Conference.

- * All election process are in accordance with the Area Election Procedures Guidelines.

- * Area Assembly is committed to using the principles of Knowledge Based Decision Making to reach an informed Group Conscience. As such, all agendas and reports will be available to the membership ample time before the Assembly so that everyone can be prepared for the matters of concern.

- * Meeting together benefits the members of the fellowship through sharing experience, strength and hope.

b. Assemblies are concerned primarily with:

- * Public Outreach: coordinating the dissemination of materials to people who are affected by someone else's drinking.

- * Members Services: coordinating communication and support for Districts, Groups and individuals relating to literature, meetings, Al-Anon principles, recovery within Al-Anon and our relationship with the World Service Office.

- * Financial Matters: communicating information on conations to the Area, discussing and approving budgets annually, and sharing updates on all aspects of our legal and financial status.

- * Maintaining an archive of our history and our decisions, to support smooth and stable operation of our fellowship and service structure. This includes an ongoing Website presence.

- * Alateen support and growth through Area Events: Alateen Roundup, Alateen Conference and Alateen participation in an Annual Area Convention.

- * Special Area Events to bring all members together in support, fellowship and recovery. These can include Convention, Service Workshop, TEAM event, and other similar Events.

- * Coordinators work on behalf of the entire Area to assist individuals, Groups and Districts in the primary purpose of Al-Anon Family Groups.

6. Assembly: Composition of

a. Area Assembly runs from Friday evening through Sunday morning, and is held in a central location.

b. Members of the AWSC Panel attend Assembly.

c. All Al-Anon members are welcome at Assembly.

d. All registered Al-Anon members who attend Assembly have a voice. All registered Al-Anon members who attend as a Group Representative (duly elected or chosen) have a vote on matters before the Assembly.

e. WSO has given authority to Areas and Districts to redistrict as needed. The affected Districts must mutually agree to redistrict meetings or current boundaries. Utilizing Thought and Task Forces among affected Districts would be within the KBDM process. Districts may seek assistance from AWSC Panel and Officers.

f. Assembly Agenda is the responsibility of the Area Chairperson, who presides over the meeting. The agenda should include:

- * reports and presentations on all matters affecting the Area.

- * These reports can be written, digital and/or oral.

- * Area workshops, Thought Forces, Break Out meetings and/or WSO visitors

- * There should also be ample time for questions and deliberations to effectively support Knowledge Based Decision Making for an informed group conscience.

g. Coordination and facilitation of the AWSC and Assembly meeting is the responsibility of the Chairperson as outlined in the Area Job Descriptions.