

Summary of Area Feedback on Electronic Meetings

At the 2023 Spring Assembly, Group Representatives (GRs) voted to accept permanent electronic-only groups (electronic groups) into our Area service structure. As a next step, an Electronic Group Task Force formed with the charge to “create an Area Process for Registration of Electronic Groups in the North Carolina/Bermuda Area service structure. The process needs to provide clear instructions for electronic groups on how to join/leave the NC/BDA Area service structure, determine the District placement, or change from an in-person meeting to an electronic meeting.”

At the 2024 Fall Assembly, the Task Force presented background information and asked GRs and Area AI-Anon members to complete a feedback form to assist the Task Force in developing recommendations. Details of the response and the feedback are presented below.

Response Rates

By early December, 132 Area AI-Anon members submitted responses to the feedback form. Responses were submitted by 15 AWSC members, 41 GRs, 30 members in service roles at the group or district level, and 46 AI-Anon members. Details by district are provided in the table below:

District	All Respondents	AWSC	GRs	Members in service at the Group (non-GR) or District (non-DR)	Members (not currently in service position)
1	18	0	5	4	9
3	12	1	5	2	4
4	16	2	5	5	4
5	18	2	6	3	7
6	41	6	13	8	14
7	2	1	1	0	0
8	4	0	1	1	2
9	15	3	2	5	5
10	0	0	0	0	0
NA	6	0	3	2	1
Total	132	15	41	30	46

Of the approximately 250 groups in the Area, 41 GRs responded to the feedback request, representing 16% of Area groups. For comparison, approximately 28% of Area groups sent a GR or voting member to the Fall Assembly. Details by district are provided in the table below:

District	Total Active Registered Meetings (Approximate)	GRs Responding to Feedback Request	Approximate Response Rate of GRs	Voting Members at last Assembly	Attendance % at Last
1	25	5	20%	7	28%
3	27	5	19%	7	26%
4	43	5	12%	8	19%
5	45	6	13%	17	38%
6	55	13	24%	23	42%
7	17	1	6%	1	6%
8	12	1	8%	1	8%
9	30	2	7%	9	30%
10	3	0	0%	0	0%
NA	-	3		-	-
Total	257	41	16%	73	28%

Feedback Response

The feedback form included five questions:

1. *Should formerly in-person groups that choose to be electronic-only have the choice to remain in their current geographic District?*
2. *An Overlay District is a collection of groups typically aligned by a commonality, such as language or non-geographic location. Should an Overlay District be created for electronic-only groups in the North Carolina/Bermuda Area?*
3. *Should Districts have the option to admit or not admit new electronic-only group(s)?*
4. *Should individuals who hold the following positions live in either North Carolina or Bermuda?*
 - *Current Mailing Address (CMAs)*
 - *Group Representative (GRs)*
 - *District Representatives (DRs)*
 - *World Service Delegate*
5. *Please share any additional thoughts on the questions above, including questions or rationale for your response:*

A summary of all responses is provided in the table below, with additional detail for AWSC and GR responses.

Question	All Responses			AWSC			GR		
	Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not sure
1. Should formerly in-person groups that choose to be electronic-only have the choice to remain in their current geographic District?	84%	8%	8%	93%	7%	0%	90%	7%	2%
2. Should an Overlay District be created for electronic-only groups in the North Carolina/Bermuda Area?	39%	24%	36%	67%	27%	7%	24%	34%	41%
3. Should Districts have the option to admit or not admit new electronic-only group(s)?	45%	28%	27%	47%	33%	20%	46%	32%	22%
4. Should CMA live in either NC or Bermuda?	61%	18%	20%	53%	33%	13%	68%	17%	15%
4. Should GR live in either NC or Bermuda?	71%	19%	10%	60%	27%	13%	71%	20%	10%
4. Should DR live in either NC or Bermuda?	77%	14%	9%	80%	20%	0%	73%	15%	12%
4. Should Delegate live in either NC or Bermuda?	66%	20%	14%	73%	20%	7%	59%	20%	22%

Note: Percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.

Detail of Feedback Response by Question

1. Should formerly in-person groups that choose to be electronic-only have the choice to remain in their current geographic District?

All Responses			AWSC			GR		
Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not sure
84%	8%	8%	93%	7%	0%	90%	7%	3%

GR Comments:

- I feel they should stay in the same District in which they originated.
- I believe that the meetings should be in the district I do believe the voting representation should also be coming from the district or at home district where it resides Connie we're gonna be so the sun one I did not answer yes or no or unsure I don't think they should have the option
- This affects my home group and another meeting I attend - majority of the members are all in our district
- "I recommend that each in-line group have the opportunity to decide to stay on the district and this area, every group should be autonomous, except in matters that ...
- Also, I believe the on-line meetings' needs will evolve."
- I don't think electronic groups should be associated with districts or areas. What happens if over time the membership changes so that all members are from somewhere else?
- Grandfather in prior ones
- I feel they should stay in the same district that the in person meeting was in.
- Yes, stay in the current geographical District. The e-meeting should be treated the same as an in-person group.
- A formerly-in person group may make many changes, and may continue making changes according to the needs of the group. For consistency, it may be simpler for groups to remain in their current geographic district when changing from in-person to electronic.
- This is our group conscious
- I am a member of an electronic group that use to be in person. As a group, and many individual members, we are very connected to our District, and we want to remain so.
- They would already be a group within the District. I think belonging to another District would be something that another District would need to approve. Also the Area would need to restructure the different Districts and move groups to different districts.
- I believe it is important groups have their autonomy.
- Concept 1. Authority belongs to the group.
- No one saw any reason why not to allow it.
- This is applicable to my group.
- Whenever possible, and when it does not add confusion, I think groups should have choice.

AWSC Comments:

- For unity and encourage participation in service.
- Groups in the District have developed a relationship through their fellowship at District Meetings.
- I think the district needs to decide if they have the ability/capacity to serve/support electronic groups at the district level.
- Geographic locations is still important to this kind of group's identity, or they would have already left and joined the Electronic Area.
- Any NC/BDA in-person AFG that decides to transition to a permanent electronic group may choose to remain part of that same District. A District has no requirement to accommodate a permanent electronic group.
- Existing groups that have transferred from in-person to electronic have strong ties to their current district.

Member Comments:

- I'm sure how electronic only meetings can help support our districts financial and in person needs
- This concept should apply to all electronic mtgs—whether formerly in person or created as a stand alone mtg.
- As long as the GR is able to attend statewide events to pass along current information.
- Safety for people who need the interaction from AI-anon yet can't be around a lot of folks for health reasons.
- Just because they are Zoom doesn't mean they won't ever meet in person for social meetings.
- It started that way and they might be a close knit community that meets sometimes in person and sometimes via zoom so it should stay local.
- I think an individual group needs to have a group conscience after knowledge base decision making has been completed to determine if the group wishes to remain in the district or join world service electronic meetings.
- Members want to stay connected to their district and have their donations go locally.
- Having the option to staying local is very important!
- The group meeting is already established in the District. The Service Manual already has guidelines for ALL group meetings. A group meeting is a meeting whether face to face or electronic. The guidelines are the same for all meetings in the Service Manual.
- It's important to me to be part of the whole
- Group autonomy
- I think all electronic be in a district of their own.
- I lived and attended meetings in Raleigh for over 20 years, then moved to New Bern during Covid. New Bern doesn't have many meetings so I enjoy being able to be on the zoom meeting that broke off from what had been my Raleigh home group for years. I see people from that group join the meeting when they are sick, out of town or for some other reason cannot make the in-person meeting.
- Tricky but geography has been such a criteria to create groups that it still would be helpful to preserve despite the fact that many people can join from wherever they are.
- For multiple reasons, it has become more difficult for me to attend in-person meetings. I have been attending the meeting that has for some time been my home group for 12 years overall. It's been held on Zoom since the pandemic began. We have at least one person, a regular member for some time now, who lives in New England. I and others want to remain part of District 6, Area 42
- Absolutely! We are all in the same area, and many participate in in-person activities on a regular basis.

- I would like to continue our current geopolitical district, because that ,Ames sense to do things , service and social with the groups I live near.
- I am pretty sure that a group whether meeting in person, or on zoom would benefit from having representation at district meetings. That would allow for a more general identifying with a fellowship fostered by those contacts within a district even though the group members in the meeting might be participating from anywhere.
- Any electronic group, new or formerly in-person, should have a right to choose their desired district.
- Please keep in mind that our Alanon Electronic Zoom-Only meeting, Monday Night Hope is Here, is not an in-person meeting that went electronic. We were a part of a Hybrid Meeting, Monday Night Serenity, that decided to become In-Person only and not be Hybrid any longer. Whether or not this "split" was done properly, it is what it is. Monday Night Hope is Here Alanon meeting has been meeting Zoom-only since July 2022 and we would so love to be registered with District 6
- To have continuity
- I think the locale where the he meeting originates should be e attached to their district.
- Group autonomy
- I hope all meetings do not become electronic.
- I believe the districts and the areas need to make that decision to maintain or place in overlay district
- More choice = more inclusivity

2. An Overlay District is a collection of groups typically aligned by a commonality, such as language or non-geographic location. Should an Overlay District be created for electronic-only groups in the North Carolina/Bermuda Area?

All Responses			AWSC			GR		
Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not sure
39%	24%	36%	67%	27%	7%	24%	34%	41%

GR Comments:

- The Districts are already drawn. Why add to that?
- Would this limit membership in the geographical district the group was originally in when they were in person.
- QR code, if you truly believe that it's a potential for a meeting to exist in somewhere that does not have a district already existing then that needs to be analyzed but I'm not quite sure that happens
- Maybe for new groups who were not previously geographically established in the Area
- This would affect online groups in my district. Together we participate in outreach programs in welcoming new & perspective members helping them find sponsor, face to face time with local members, and helping them find groups that will help them. Basically what I am stating is Sticking us in a Overlay District takes away from our 12th step
- Seems more complicated than needs to be.
- Seems that this may be a future option, so would prefer to see all groups remain in our current structure, and then we can decide if we want to create a separate district.

- I feel that if anything there should be an overlay area directly under world service
- for new groups
- I do not feel one way or another about this. Totally neutral.
- Several districts are sparse as it is. Keep the online meetings in their previous districts.
- I would think you want to keep the e-meeting groups in the region they are located.
- I lean towards creating one that e-only groups can join if they wish. I don't want to prevent these groups from remaining in their districts if they wish
- How would this affect the service structure as a whole?
- We have more in common with our District meetings than Electronic meetings.
- Are these groups having problems belonging to their district. What would be the advantage or disadvantage of creating a new district?
- I'm not sure. I need more information about what this means.
- However, "yes" IF this applies only to "newly joining electronic groups.
- If there is a demand for it, yes.
- Electronic groups that geographically reside within NC/Bermuda should be part of the Area construct.
- I feel that this will be helpful in having representation that best fits electronic only meetings at the district and area level. However, I think a group could choose to remain in their original district if they prefer.

AWSC Comments:

- I don't prefer it as it will sever the ties between groups and their Districts.. however I will accept group conscious outcomes.
- This would make it easier for interacting with each other.
- only so the district can accept/not
- If electronic groups are all supported together than they would not struggle being supported from a technology perspective as they might from a geographic based district that is not as comfortable with utilizing technology.
- This would be a great place to put electronic groups that wanted to join our Area, and are willing and desiring to join an electronic district because they feel electronic meetings have different challenges and needs than location based meetings and want a forum to discuss those needs.
- Would like to see it in the event a particular District does not allow EO's into their District. It would help facilitate some local service and fellowship opportunities.
- "The overlay District will serve permanent electronic groups admitted to NC/BDA and registered with World Service Office (WSO) after December 31, 2023. A previous in-person AFG that transitioned to a permanent electronic group and registered as such with WSO prior to December 31, 2023, may choose to be reestablished in its previous District within NC/BDA. A District has no
- requirement to accommodate a permanent electronic group."
- It would be a lot of work to create a new district and fill an entire new set of service positions. Most electronic groups have said that they would like to stay in their current district, so it seems unlikely that groups would choose to move to an overlay district.

Member Comments:

- But not in lieu of the electronic mtg that is part of the district. This should be an option for the group.
- Allows that group to have a voice - as issues arise.
- need further explanation of what this would look like

- This way someone who is just meeting on zoom will have somewhere to go.
- Too confusing an idea to be practical.
- A group meeting is a group meeting whether face to face or electronic. The guidelines are the same in the service manual for ALL group meetings.
- Don't really understand the question
- Would this be a choice along with Global
- I think that we should have an electronic district for all electronic meetings
- Not familiar with overlay groups.
- It might be helpful for those areas that do not have an online group
- I don't see what advantage this would have.
- I/We only want to continue our affiliation with the same group we were a part of when we met in person.
- I believe the observation I made above applies. I also understand that modern connections are quite common by the internet availability, but a fellowship might suffer without a district's connection. Realizing the influence of remote connections might not be as much of an advantage without a connection to the workings of the decisions made in a community setting like a district meeting where decisions are made through discussions.
- see #1. Let each group decide with the understanding that being a part of a geographic district gives greater inclusion in the physical community while being in an overlying district gives a stronger voice in matters relating to being a part of the electronic community.
- as noted in the attached document, (JNC/Bermuda does not currently have any overlay districts.)" and that is my preference
- Group autonomy
- Doesn't matter to me.
- I like some geographical component to remain for electronic groups.
- What does this mean and entail?

3. Should Districts have the option to admit or not admit new electronic-only group(s)?

All Responses			AWSC			GR		
Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not sure
45%	28%	27%	47%	33%	20%	46%	32%	22%

GR Comments:

- If they are located in a District, that's where they should be. The District wouldn't vote to allow an in-person group.
- If there is also an overlay district and electronic only groups can go into it if their district does not accept electronic-only.
- I believe all group should be accepted if they want to be an AI-Anon or Alateen but regardless of whether they're electronic or not

- From what I heard at area meeting I believe there could be negative consequences when our district votes if there are out of state electronic groups with that said I believe guidelines can be set for overseeing that the online guidelines that a group have no ties
- I don't believe a district should be allowed to reject a group
- I don't believe we have enough information to deny entrance to the district. This would require the DR to take time, as they do now with live meeting GR's, to provide an orientation and set expectations of GR's.
- Again, there should be no association
- I would prefer Districts not restrict virtual groups, but they're virtual... so if a District wants to be exclusive then the group can go elsewhere.
- No option. Electronic groups should be admitted. Hopefully there will be more members for service.
- They should not have an option. Vote on the e-meeting and then stick to it.
- I answered not sure because I would like to know what criteria the district would use to deny admission to an electronic-only group. I wouldn't want it to be subjective or inconsistent with other districts in the area
- I am curious what the reasons would be for not admitting a new electronic group. Thinking of tradition 5 and our purpose - to help families of alcoholics. If there is a need for an electronic group, what would be the rationale for a district to decline admittance?
- I think it should be an AIA non decision.
- If the group already is in the District would they not already belong in the District?
- The WSO has already voted for electronic meetings and if a group wants to they can still register the group and meet without a geographic District. I think it would be better to include the electronic groups in our District but understand others may not feel the same.
- Warranty 3. Assures there will be discussion and vote. District's have access to their groups' needs a ND wishes.
- "There was confusion over the question.
- Keep electronic groups within our own geographic area/district"
- Some of our members want to know if Districts have that option currently for in-person groups. Our group thinks it should be the same for electronic groups.
- To allow for keeping the NC electronic groups in NC. We don't need groups from CA asking to join the NC electronic district.
- There should be a common policy for electronic groups.

AWSC Comments:

- "I can't see a reason why District might need to decide to not accept a group to their District.
- Considering study is a spiritual principle they appears in all three legacies.. Steps, Tradition's & Concepts."
- Some Districts can accommodate electronic meetings easier than others cos of the electronic equipment that is required.
- Purely from a technology support perspective. If a district is not able to support using technology the electronic based groups are at a disadvantage.
- Another reason to have an Overlay District as a fall back.
- In-person AFGs that transition to permanent electronic AFGs and former in-person AFGs that registered as permanent electronic BEFORE December 31, 2023, have the choice to remain with the respective NC/BDA District.

- Districts can't refuse in-person or hybrid groups, so it seems punitive that they should be able to refuse electronic groups, which are also AFGs. I don't think that districts should be forced to hold hybrid district business meetings, though.

Member Comments:

- I think this decision should align with the area decision to admit electronic meetings. It aligns with the principle of unity and inclusivity. Suggestion: If the district doesn't have the financial resources to fund an electronic option (eg, zoom), the area would absorb the cost.
- Electronic Groups should be permitted to exist as a foundational principle, not at the whim of the district.
- Since the pandemic - electronic groups have become a way for folks to connect at anytime of the day or night. Allowing new groups to the District shows signs of growth in the program.
- Only if there is strict criteria on who to admit or not admit. In fact I cannot think of why we would not admit a group to our district.
- The Assembly voted in Spring to allow electronic groups. Districts should not be able to remove that option for groups that want to be fully electronic.
- Especially if they are already established in the District, absolutely no.
- Districts may prefer to have groups that are active and attend meetings in person
- District autonomy
- I prefer that all electronics meetings to belong to a separate District. It would be less confusing.
- Yes, that would be helpful to make sure there is an understanding of all meetings being offered in that area.
- Do Districts have the option to admit/not admit in-person groups? On the face of it, this seems like an opening for exclusivity, which is contrary to our mission.
- Not sure why they wouldn't want us.
- "By what criteria would electronic meetings be admitted that haven't applied to in person meetings based on traditions. Would there be some new tradition used for those groups. I understand that applying some order to electronic meetings present structures to protect the integrity of groups, and anonymity of members."
- "See the AI-Anon Declaration. Nowhere does it give circumstances under which the Declaration is not applicable.
- Will we have to add "except when those seeking help are in an electronic group" to the end of the Declaration?"
- I am not sure why this is a consideration. I feel this would be an additional layer and possibly lead to judgement.
- Do the Districts do that now? Is it a drain on District resources?
- They should be admitted.
- Group autonomy
- If the overlay is approved this is non-applicable
- Yes but if the electronic group already exists I think they should be grandfathered in.
- Having options is good.
- Using what guidelines?

4. Should Individuals in service positions (CMA, GR, DR, Delegate) reside in the NC/Bermuda Area? (comments combined for all service positions)

	All Responses			AWSC			GR		
	Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not sure
CMA	61%	18%	20%	53%	33%	13%	68%	17%	15%
GR	71%	19%	10%	60%	27%	13%	71%	20%	10%
DR	77%	14%	9%	80%	20%	0%	73%	15%	12%
Delegate	66%	20%	14%	73%	20%	7%	59%	20%	22%

GR Comments:

- Yes if they are located in or originated in the geographic location of NC or Bermuda.
- As long as business meetings are hybrid then I see no need for people who hold these positions to be in area.
- I do a lot of traveling, I go to meetings out west and meetings up north in New York New Jersey area. While we are all under in umbrella with Alanon different areas have different ribs/stretchers they all have the same job they are all coming from a different angle
- If anyone wants to do service, I'm not going to stop them.
- We have a smaller number of on-line meetings relative to face to face. Currently, we do have some challenges in getting current GR to be active at the district. I believe that there may be highly active and experienced members that are outside our physical area. I do believe the DR and delegate need to live in the area (at least part of the year).
- Electronic groups shouldn't have anything to do with areas or districts. What happens if a new GR takes over that is from another area. Does the meeting have to change areas? Just seems like we're creating future headaches and administrative busywork.
- or South Carolina
- skin in the game
- You should live in the region you are representing.
- The in person interaction is valuable to me, especially the ability to interact in person at a district meeting for example.
- Members of electronic meetings could choose to serve in their state, if they are not in NC.
- Our DR's and GR's would be more familiar with the the skills and abilities of those who would be elected to serve in the different positions.
- I believe this requirement will lead to unity like tradition #1 encourages for groups.
- I don't know enough about pros and cons to say yes or no.
- Conflicting feelings about this. While most of us feel it's preferable for all these positions to be filled with local individuals, it might not need to be a hard & fast rule. It's sometimes hard to fill service positions, and if someone outside the geographical area wants to serve, maybe they should be allowed.
- This makes sense for in person groups, but electronic groups are always changing. For instance, during covid I lived in NC where my group used to hold in person meetings. I later moved to GA. I still attend the NC electronic group every week and consider it my home group. They elected me GR after I moved to GA. Deciding to require that elected officials have to currently live in NC would directly hurt my group. Perhaps this could be changed to a requirement that elected officials have at some point in their life lived in NC/Bermuda?

AWSC Comments:

- In order to effectively represent the group, district, or area, interaction with other members in the geographic area is critical.
- I feel that #4 should follow the same guidelines for service positions as a regular face to face meeting
- We are North Carolina and Bermuda based, after all. Isn't that why they want to be here?
- Not sure why we would want to restrict who can serve these EO AFG's.
- "A CMA for an in-person or permanent electronic AFG may disseminate information a variety of ways e.g., in-person pass a document among members, email as an attachment document or photo, announce during an electronic or in-person meeting,). A CMA must live within geographic boundaries of our World Service Conference members.
- GR, DR, and Delegate are the elected service members who are part of our World Service Conference Structure. The spiritual principle of equality and mutual respect reenforces that any GR or DR elected be eligible to be elected Delegate. I believe the Area is best served by a Delegate who resides within the Area geographic boundaries; therefore, persons eligible reside within in those same geographic boundaries."

Member Comments:

- If the electronic group is going to be in the district and not in an overlay district, representation should be local as well.
- If the District Meetings are held hybrid then it doesnt make a difference where the GR resides.
- Mailing address is not as important to me as living in the area and knowing the needs of the community they would serve.
- What is a CMA?
- This is a home group, establish where home is by district.
- Seems wise that when new folks join a group that they live in either NC or Bermuda, but I don't see any reason why folks want to stay after relocating to a new are
- In order to adequately represent an area a person in any service position should reside in the area they represent.
- I think a district and WSO should have North Carolina roots. A GR can attend via zoom any meetings necessary. CMAs usually attend an in person meeting.
- Our Service Manual already states this fact.
- Autonomy
- Anyone holding an important office such as the above offices should be living in North Carolina/Bermuda
- I don't see a reason for us to be different in this from the groups here in our District who have returned to in-person-only or are now hybrid.
- May become too diluted if trusted servants live outside our area or district. Seems like these higher level servants need to have a physical presence to cover all the groups.
- My experience has been that I find the intimacy of face to face meetings, whether in group meetings, or district meetings, more to my liking, however electronic meetings may be a way forward. Integrating the principals of our historic way of relating might not be as easy to achieve without some adjustment. The principal of obedience to the unenforceable takes on new challenges in an electronic age.
- Holding offices shouldn't be based on where the officer lives but rather on the ability of the officer to serve his group efficiently.
- prefer positions live in NC
- They would have a better understanding of the area's needs and issues.

- The NC Bermuda district is defined geographically, therefore its service positions should remain within the geographical boundaries.
- Wherever you are & whatever help you need &/or provide is (to me) how the program should work. I think we should be available to anyone, anytime.
- There needs to be some foundation if geographics are considered
- Less restriction is better.

5. Please share any additional thoughts on the questions above, including questions or rationale for your response:

GR Comments:

- "This is a very complex set of issues, so thank you for your service and perseverance.
- I want to reinforce the critical need to push for guidelines for any on-line groups who are in "limbo", ie they are not registered on WSO.
- Many groups who split into two groups, (one f2f and another on line) many of the on-line meetings are waiting to see how our area will handle. Also, how we will implement the area's decision during our spring assembly to keep the on-line groups in our area. Thanks again, Rich"
- It feels like trying to incorporate electronic meetings into the area/district paradigm is like trying to force a square peg into a round hole. Just accept that it is an entirely different beast which requires a departure from the standard thinking. It may be that world service delegating this to areas was not a wise choice.
- Prior electronic groups that started due to COVID, let them in the district. New ones in overlay.
- Selections for #4 are based on in-person & electronic meetings in our area that are not part of an overlay district.
- I'm for electronic meetings, coming into the Area. However I would like to see 7th tradition both financially and doing service for that group for participation and not just meet for the sake of meeting.
- I feel the newcomer coming into AI-Anon has enough to manage. Make getting a meeting in person or electronic should be uncomplicated.
- Online meetings want to participate in area/district decisions. Hopefully they will contribute monetarily as well.
- "I am open to hearing differing opinions.
- My questions include:
- In what instance would a DR for an area live outside of the area? I am thinking if they moved during their time of service. Otherwise, it would seem strange to elect a DR for area 42 who lives in Chicago for example.
- If a group rep or district rep lives outside of the area, would that compromise their ability to serve the group/area they represent?"
- Nothing more to share at this time. Thank you for the survey opportunity.
- I don't know enough about the ramifications of one option over another, but I think new processes should be implemented that allow for the most people to participate and be in service positions.
- Money collected from electronic groups should go to the District they are in but maximum availability to people from all over would be optimal - my opinion!

AWSC Comments:

- Tradition 4 is about autonomy, so I want everyone to have an option to be included.
- Districts should have the option of holding hybrid meetings or not.
- Geographic location feels important. While all should be welcome, to serve in a location based capacity seems important.
- It is not as important at group level to demand geographical area - DR or above level must be from geographical Area- because they may need to visit groups and they can't if they don't live here.

Member Comments:

- Although I feel that electronic meetings are not going away and should/will continue to be a part of AIAnon I feel that electronic meetings by the very nature of them are missing the warm welcome that in person meetings provide. I am afraid that the continued decline in "in person" attendance at all levels of AIAnon is undermining our ability to get the message out to others still suffering.
- Thank you for your efforts and for this survey!
- We need to institute this process for electronic groups to exist to be part of AIAnon and not be in limbo, as the term was used today. First tradition applies here.
- I'd like to see electronic only as well as hybrid groups have the least restrictions so that AI-Anon can continue to grow with the times and technology.
- I think groups could still have the autonomy to choose a GR from their membership regardless of their physical address.
- I haven't lived in this area very long and have only attended electronic meetings - as the in person meetings are quite a distance from me and usually in the evenings - and I don't like driving at night for long distances.
- Lots of people from all over attend meetings online. But the leadership needs to stay within the district to ensure the integrity of that meeting. However, feedback from others, in all areas are welcome.
- I'm glad to hear that electronic meetings will continue, even though I prefer face-to-face meetings for my recovery. I know there are people who are unable to attend face-to-face meetings for various reasons and I'm glad the program is available for them through the electronic format.
- I know Virginia has electronic meetings at the district level. Maybe can get information from them. I feel having electronic meetings a part of the district is very important. It will reach a lot of young people and former district members. Also donations will go locally.
- We have a Service Manual for a reason. The Service Manual already has guidelines for ALL group meetings. Lets abide by them and stop making this so complicated. Thank you.
- I believe that we need to keep things simple having an electronic district will make it easy for everyone to understand, and for the electronic district to be able to meet and discuss concerns and problems together
- I love this program, but it needs to face new realities and challenges just like any other institution. It might not be any less bumpy a road than many we have faced. So the history of making changes is done once again with a simple faith that our higher powers will guide us through.
- "My answers are based on the AI-Anon Declarations and the idea of group autonomy.
- However, there ought to be a list of considerations for groups to consider before choosing a district:
 - 1. Does the majority of the group live in the district being considered?
 - 2. Does the group speak the same language as the district being considered?
 - 3. Does the group understand once it chooses a district, it must remain in that district for x number of years unless unusual and unforeseen circumstances force it to change districts?

- This process of determine whether to accept electronic groups or not has been unnecessarily long. We have electronic groups who are operating without official AI-Anon status. Btw we were told a group opting to join the GEA may move to a geographic district when the geographic district accepts them. Now we hear that is untrue. Someone please clarify.
- Using QR codes to disseminate information is a great idea. But please give a link if you want members to type feedback.
- Monday Night Hope is Here Alanon Group has been meeting Zoom-only since July 2022. We currently have 24 members and normally have anywhere from 10-15 members participating. This meeting has grown by word of mouth. One of our members has their own Zoom account and has graciously allowed us to use the account! We would love this meeting to be an option for many in need and still in pain. We would love to be able to register our meeting.
- This is an experiment so we need to allow groups to change with their experience. I am concerned about financial prudence since in person groups donate at a much higher rate than zoomers. What will the support be like for WSO, Area and District? Also, I'm concerned that the integrity of the program is compromised by groups that begin online and continue. Will they drift into a different mode of recovery?
- ""Each group should be autonomous...""
- It's unlikely that a group opting in or out of a geographic district versus an overlap district will harm other groups, Alanon or AA as a whole.
- We can change our practice if needed.
- Thanks for doing the grindy work!"
- Whatever path leads to more inclusivity and carrying the message while allowing group autonomy seems good to me.
- This survey does not adequately provide enough information to respond to some of the questions. Where do we get clarification? Using "jargon" without definition is very confusing.
- Electronic meetings have people from all over. I feel like they should be a separate district though worldwide - like its own district/region.