

Delegate's Presentation

February 15, 2025
Area World Service Committee
(AWSC)

Investing in Each Other to Preserve Our Legacy
Invertir los unos en los otros para preservar nuestro legado
–2025 World Service Conference (WSC) Theme

My responsibility as your SCWS Area Delegate is to Help Carry the Message

The role of the World Service Delegate is to be “the bridge of understanding that links the groups in the Area with world Al-Anon to help them continue to function in unity, and to be the servant of Al-Anon as a whole.”

2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, pg. 150.

World Service Conference (WSC) Motion: “Choosing a Group’s Name” – Improving the Clarity of Wording.

- At the 2024 WSC a Policy Task Force presented its recommendation for changes in the Policy Digest portion of the Service Manual.
- The intent was to ensure the Policy clearly conveyed the *principles found in our Traditions* that group names, like Al-Anon Family Groups themselves, *be welcoming for all Al-Anon members and potential members.*
- This policy was voted on and approved at the WSC in 2024.

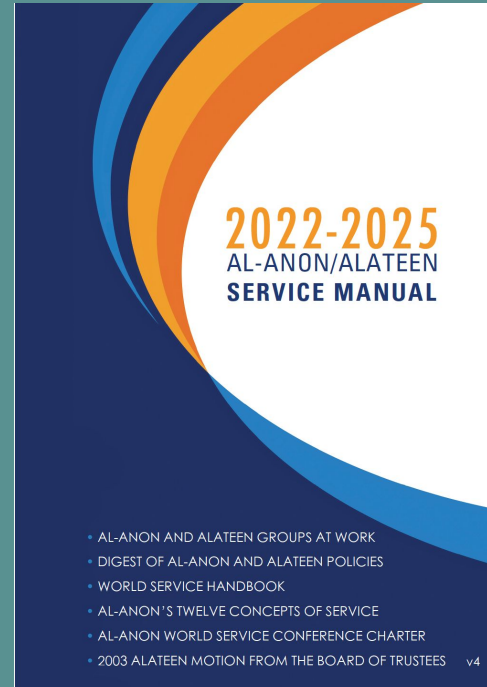
From the July 2024 Policy Committee Update:

- WSO will register new groups and update existing group names only when their name does not contain community-identifying designations.
- This policy guides groups seeking to encourage community-specific participation to use the “Participants” designation.

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V4 REPLACEMENT PAGES

V3 REPLACEMENT PAGES



<https://al-anon.org/for-members/members-resources/manuals-and-guidelines/>

From Digest of AI-Anon and Alateen Policies: Choosing a Group's Name

PAGE 85-86 VERSION 2 (no changes made in v3)

Choosing a Group's Name

"Having an appropriate group name is very important because it is included in local and online meeting directories and may be a potential member's first impression of AI-Anon. The group's name should be inviting to all and reflect AI-Anon principles. A group's name should not imply affiliation with any other Twelve Step group, self-help group, commercial venture, agency, religious group, rehabilitation facility, or other outside enterprise even if the name is associated with its location—e.g., "the ___ Church AFG" or "the ___ Hospital AFG."

To help avoid confusion with other entities, it is suggested that groups spell out their full name and include the letters "AFG" for AI-Anon Family Group.

The WSO will review proposed group names for adherence to AI-Anon principles. (See "Considerations When Starting Either an AI-Anon or Alateen Group": "Naming the Group" in the "Groups at Work" section of this AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual.)"

From the 2022-2025 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (v2)

PAGE 85 VERSION 4 Choosing a Group's Name

From the v4 available downloadable replacement pages
for the 2022-2025 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual

Choosing a Group's Name

When choosing an AI-Anon or Alateen group name, consider the welcoming and comforting focus of Tradition Five. Anyone affected by someone else's drinking is welcome at an AI-Anon meeting. It is vital that group names are inviting and attractive and that they avoid public controversy. Our spiritual growth has its roots in the principle of anonymity to enhance the sense of belonging and unity.

A group's name may be a person's first impression of AI-Anon. Consider the lasting impact the group name can have on newcomers, members, the public, and professionals. The group's name and meeting information may appear on local meeting lists, printed materials, websites, and other venues

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Choosing a Groups Name (Continued) VERSION 4

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Service Manual

for sharing public information (see “Publicizing Meeting Locations” in the “Policies” section of this *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*).

Members weigh the guidance of the spiritual principles found in the Twelve Traditions when choosing a group name:

- Common welfare for the greatest number in Al-Anon depends upon unity.
- Al-Anon does not affiliate with or endorse any outside enterprise, such as other Twelve Step groups, self-help groups, religious groups, rehabilitation facilities, or commercial businesses.
- The only requirement for membership in Al-Anon is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend.
- The name does not affect another group or affect Al-Anon or A.A. as a whole.
- Al-Anon has no opinion on outside issues.

The Policy Committee and the World Service Conference have delegated authority and responsibility to the WSO to review proposed group names for adherence to Al-Anon policies and principles.

(See additional guidance found in the “Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work” section.)

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[Al-Anon Meetings](#)

Dear Families and Friends of Alcoholics,

The groups listed on this page may be meeting in-person, in-person with electronic access (hybrid), or electronically. **We encourage newcomers and members planning to attend these meetings to check the meeting details and map pin for guidance on how members can attend each meeting.**

Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? [You may attend ANY Al-Anon meeting listed.](#) While some groups choose to have certain Attendees selected, they will welcome anyone looking for help.

Find a Group Meeting: Search Radius **Advanced Search**

Click "Advanced Search" then check the box, this opens up Special Needs & Participant categories

Meeting Details

Group Type

- Al-Anon
- Alateen

Meeting Language

- English
- Español
- Français
- Other Languages

Meeting Day

- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday

Special Needs

- Child Care
- Fragrance Free
- Handicap Access
- Sign Language
- Smoking Permitted

al-anon.org pick **Meetings** at the Top, Click on Find an Al-Anon meeting

Participant

- Families, Friends, and Observers Welcome
- Families and Friends Only
- Adult Children
- Women
- Beginners
- Young Adults
- LGBTQIA+
- People of Color
- Men
- Parents

[From Survival To Recovery AFG](#)

Saturday 6:00 PM

Windsor Club

123 W. Windsor Rd, Glendale, CA, 91204, USA

In person. Second floor

4.7 miles away

Filters

Al-Anon

Families, Friends, and Observers Welcome

English

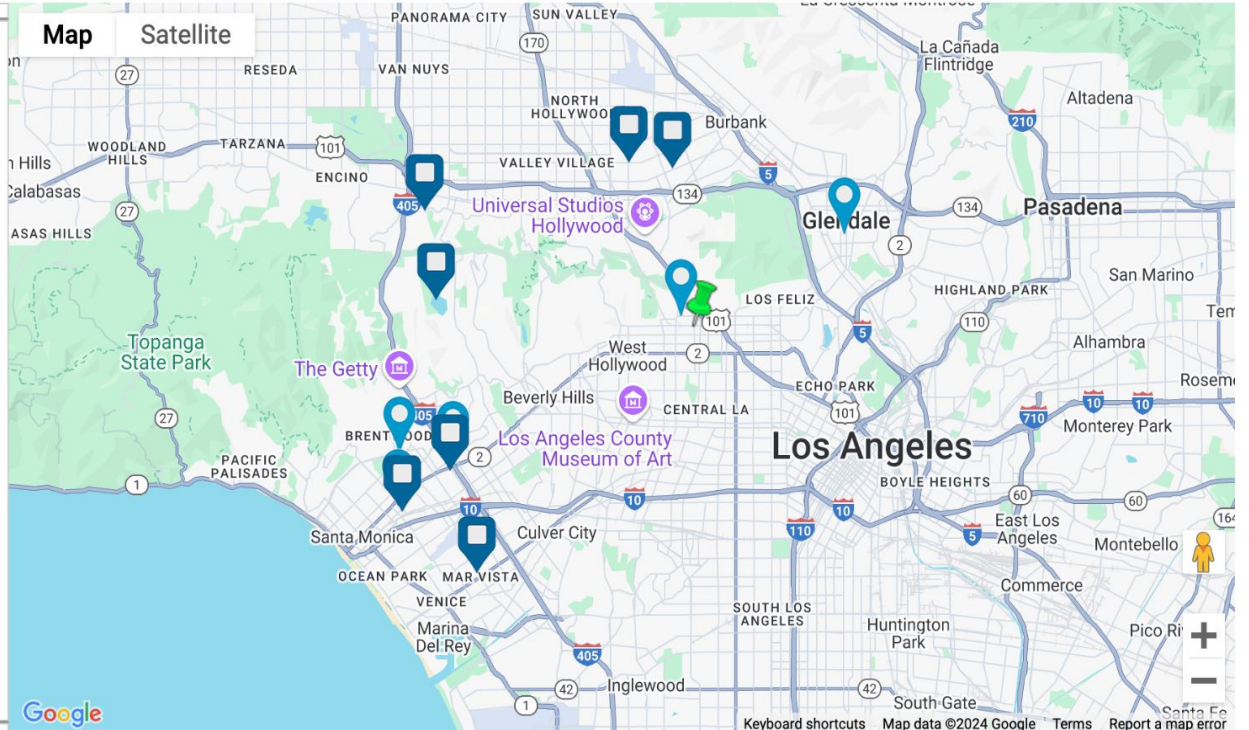
Saturday

Adult Children

Handicap Access

WSO ID 66931

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Families, Friends, and Observers Welcome OR Families and Friends Only.

“Beginners” meetings are attached to the regular group. It means it meets before, during, or after the regular group. It has the same group name and WSO ID#, but the Beginners meeting is listed separately.

Start the Conversation:

Does Your Current Group Name Honor the New Policy?

- Is your group welcoming to all Al-Anon Family Group Members affected by someone else's drinking - does the group name reflect this?
 - Is the group name in keeping with Tradition Three and Tradition Five
- What other steps does your group take to welcome all newcomers and new members?
- Some Ideas For Discussion
 - Participant categories. They are optional, to provide more information about the meeting, but do not in any way restrict attendance. Does your group want to add or change their categories/participants?
 - When Al-Anon Family Groups are registered they agree to abide by all the traditions.
 - Why are the traditions particularly 3 and 5 important?
 - How does your group name affect other groups in Al-Anon in our Area and in the World Wide Fellowship?

NEWS!

Watch For It ...Information Coming Soon...
March 2025 - Al-Anon Mailings

NEW Online Annual Group Update Forms!

Mailing will include a 2-sided flyer with QR codes
& short links to online forms

Benefits:

- No more paper form to return
- Faster updates to AFG Records
- Easier confirmation of no changes
- Even more accurate group records

Why Does It Matter?

This will provide accurate meeting information for newcomers
on al-anon.org and your local listings!



All Al-Anon members can subscribe to
IN THE LOOP: NEWS FROM YOUR WSO

Go to al-anon.org/emailme

It is available in three languages,
English, Spanish and French

Time for:
Questions?
Comments.

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