

Accepting Electronic Groups to the Hawai'i Area

Purpose:

The purpose of this *Accepting Electronic Groups to the Hawai'i Area Policy* (this Policy) is to define the Requirements for Electronic Groups to be accepted as part of the Hawai'i Area.

Scope: This Policy applies to Electronic Groups that request to be part of the Hawai'i Area.

Policy: It is the policy of the Hawai'i Area to accept Electronic Groups as part of the Hawai'i Area when the following guidelines and procedures are met.

Guidelines:

A. Electronic Groups:

1. Hawai'i Electronic Groups will be part of the district in which they were founded unless that district does not offer electronic participation in District meetings. The Electronic Group will select a "Home" District that offers electronic participation in District meetings.
2. New electronic groups with members from more than one district will select a "Home" district that offers electronic participation in District meetings.
3. While no group is required to have a Group Representative, Electronic Groups, in selecting their Group Representative, will select their group representative (GR) from a member residing in Hawai'i.
4. Electronic Groups are required to have a Current Mailing Address (CMA), home address in Hawai'i.
5. Electronic Groups are required to meet the WSO criteria for any AI-Anon Family Group and will abide by the Traditions and the meetings will be open to any AI-Anon member (consistent with the established group meeting definition, e.g. "Men's Group") (Page 85 of the 2022-2025 AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual).
6. Will establish a method for collecting Seventh Tradition contributions and share that contribution contact information at each meeting.

B. Group Representative, as described in the Service Manual, and

1. Will reside in Hawai'i,
2. Attend District Meetings, and
3. Attend Area Assemblies

Procedure:

C. **Group Representative:** Obtain, complete, and submit the New EG Application to World Service.

D. **Hawai'i Area Group Records Coordinator:** Update the Group's record in the WSO's Online Group Records database.

E. **District Representative:** Updates the district meeting schedule and sends it to the Web coordinator. Oahu District Representatives communicate meeting updates to their AIS.

F. **Website Coordinator:** Post the meeting information on the official Hawai'i Area Website.

G. **Districts:** If a District chooses not to offer an electronic option for its District meetings, they may not be able to accommodate Electronic Groups within their District.

H. Hawai'i Area Assembly

1. Review this Policy after one year to vote on any suggested changes.
2. Review this Policy at the end of the three-year trial period to vote for ending the trial period and making this an official policy.

Acronyms

AIS – Area Information Service

CMA - Current Mailing Address

DR - District Representative

EG – Electronic Group

GR - Group Representative

HAWSC - Hawai'i Area World Service Committee

WSO - World Service Office