

Topic-Allowing ISRs from Outside Orange County Area While Meeting On-line

Can Al-Anon members who live outside the Orange County/Greater Long Beach Area serve as ISRs while we meet on on-line (via Zoom).

Framing the Topic

Many Orange County Al-Anon meetings have transitioned to Temporary Electronic Meetings (TEM) or Hybrid meetings without a specific time frame for returning in person. In this time, members serving as ISRs may have moved out of the Area and meetings have new members from other areas that are willing to serve as ISRs.

Additionally, The AIS meetings for ISRs and Board Meetings are TEM and do not have a specific date for resuming in-person meetings.

There are many meetings in the Orange Count AIS area that do not have ISR representation.

There are several vacant AIS service positions.

Possible positive considerations: More voices and participants in service provide new ideas and potentially contribute to unity for Al-Anon as a whole.

Possible negative considerations: ISRs from out of the Area representing on-line or hybrid meetings might be prejudiced against resuming in-person meetings.

As our fellowship changes, meeting style preferences may change. How should area service arms like AIS respond?

Background Information

2021 World Service Conference (WSC): Each geographic Area can decide if they want Electronic Meetings to have the choice to join a geographic Area instead of staying with the Electronic Meeting Area.

Our Southern California World Service (SCWS) Area is forming a Work Group (WG) to explore the possibility of adding PEMs into our geographic Area (next year).

The WG will be charged with-

Using the KBDM process for information-gathering, discussion

Creating criteria for a PEM to be registered with SCWS (such as a % of members attending the PEM that reside in our geographic Area)

Creating a process for the PEM to join our Area and a District. o Bringing a KBDM presentation to the Assembly for GRs to decide.

SCWS Workshop Materials

<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/special-notice/>

SCWS Discussion Notes from Workshop

<https://www.scws-al-anon.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Discussion-Notes-from-June-26-Workshop.pdf>

KBDM Guidance

What do we know about our members (and prospective members') needs, wants and preferences that relate to this issue? What do we wish we knew but don't?

What do we know about the resources and our vision for Al-Anon and our meetings that are relevant to this issue? What do we wish we knew but don't?

What do we know about our "culture" and "environment" that is relevant to this discussion? In other words--Will our decision be consistent with our principles, policies, and legacies: The Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts? What are the implications of our choices? What do we wish we knew but don't?

What are the ethical implications of our choices? Would we be practicing our "principles in all our affairs"? What do we wish we knew but don't?

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