

AL-ANON ACRONYMS

AFG	Al-Anon Family Groups
AAPP	Area Alateen Processing Person
AIS	Area Information Service
AI SL	Area Information Service Liaison
AMIAS	AL-Anon Member Involved In Alateen Service
AWSC	Area World Service Committee
CAL	Conference Approved Literature
CMA	Current Mailing Address
DR	District Representative
GIP	Growth Investment Person
GR	Group Representative
KBDM	Knowledge Based Decision Making
LDC	Literature Distribution Center
PSA	Public Service Announcement
WSC	World Service Conference
WSO	World Service Office
Panel	3 year period you will serve in
Panel 55	Begins January 1, 2015 and ends December 31, 2017 (3 years -- 2015, 2016, 2017)

Definitions

Group Representative (GR)

A GR is a vital link in the continuing function, growth and unity of world Al-Anon. Represents the group and votes at District and Area Assembly Meetings where the groups share information of importance and is the liaison from the District/Area back to the Group. They are the Trusted Servant of their Group.

District

A geographical area containing a number of groups located relatively close to one another. Our Florida South Area has 11 Districts.

Area

Made up of all the 11 Districts in the southern portion of our state (see map).

Area Officers: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Coordinators: Alateen, Archives, Group Records, Literature, Newsletter, Public Outreach, Spanish, and Web.

Area World Service Committee (AWSC)

We usually meet twice a year in the Winter & Summer to address any concerns or items that will need to be brought before the Assembly (Fall & Spring).

Consists of the Florida South Area Officers, Coordinators, District Representatives (DRs) and Area Information Service Liaison (AISLs) – aka as the Panel. All Panel members have a voice and a vote at AWSC Meetings.

Note: Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) is currently part of the Immediate Past Delegate's role. The AAPP is a voting member at AWSC Meetings.

In our area, the current Convention Chair also serves on the AWSC, as a voting member.

Assembly

Meets twice a year in the Spring and Fall at designated times and may be rotated throughout the area or designated in one location. *Voting members at Assembly are all of the GRs in the area.* All Area Officers and Coordinators must also attend the Assembly, but only have a voice not a vote. District Representatives (DRs) and Area Information Service Liaisons (AISLs) also attend Assembly, but only have a voice not a vote. Any interested Al-Anon member can attend Assembly and has a voice.

Delegate

An Al-Anon member elected at the Area Assembly by the GRs for a 3-year term (the life of the Panel). The Delegate represents the groups in his or her area once a year at the World Service Conference (Generally in March or April).

Service Sponsor – An Al-Anon Member who guides you on your service journey. It is helpful to find a member who has done the service position you are doing, but it is not necessary for them to have had that position to serve as a service sponsor.