

## **Area 9 ~ Previous RL/GL Questions**

### **From the Spring Assembly ~ May 2024:**

#### **Question 1:**

Discussions at the group level about non-CAL terminology have been contentious and divisive. We get a lot of feedback from some members such as "It's just a word, no one can tell me which words I can and can't use". How do we keep the program from being diluted by non-CAL terminology?

#### **Question 2:**

A small group can't afford to send their GR to Assembly & ask an area coordinator (who happens to attend that group) to vote for that group. The Area Guidelines state that if an Area Officer or Coordinator votes for a group, the group pays. The district does not have extra funds either. Does that mean only established prosperous groups have a voice and vote at Assembly?

Could a fund be created at the Area level, funded by voluntary contributions, for groups to utilize if they can't afford to send their GRs to Assembly?

### **From the Fall Assembly October 2023:**

**Question 1:** "What do you do if you are at a meeting at a facility (church, meeting hall, etc.) that uses cameras to record the meeting or people coming in and out of the facility? Some just use a camera without a microphone, and some use both audio and video?"

**Question 2:** "How should a group deal with an attendee who continually disregards group protocols and AI-Anon Traditions, especially when the person has already been spoken to gently in private?"

### **From the Spring Assembly June 2023:**

**Question 1:** "Can a group of professional people who meet together for mutual aid for a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend call themselves an AI-Anon Family Group and be listed by WSO if they only want other professionals in their group, and are not being charged for rent for their meeting place?"

**Question 2:** "Are we breaking anonymity when we talk about the alcoholic in our lives (child, spouse, friend) when sharing at a meeting?"

### **From the Fall Assembly October 2022:**

**Question 1:** "In a large group, some members speak every week resulting in many members not having an opportunity to speak. A quiet member asked if it would be possible to ask members to wait a week to speak to give more members an opportunity to share."

### **From the Spring Assembly June 2022:**

**Question 1:** "When does the use of "Right of Decision" overstep into an attempt to manage or direct the members of a group or district?"

**Question 2:** "A group has no GR so a 'dual member' stepped up as CMA. Given Al-Anon's position on AA members not holding voting positions, can/should a CMA vote at district on their group's behalf?"

### **From the Fall Assembly October 2021:**

**Question 1:** "Some members find the reference to God in our 12 steps as "Him" to be gender biased. Is there a way to address this issue to make the change (replacing "Him" with "God") to be more in keeping with the sensitivities of those who find this to be an issue? Particularly younger people and those who are more socially conscious might find this change to be removing a "barrier" to embracing our program."

**Question 2:** "In these changing times, how might new Covid health and safety recommendations fit into our Safety in Al-Anon publication guidelines, and consequently, how might a group handle a member that refuses to mask when asked to do so?"

### **From the Spring Assembly June 2021:**

**Question 1:** "What is the District's Responsibility Concerning Groups that Don't Have GRs or Members Stepping up for Service Positions?"

**Question 2:** "What can be done when a group that already has an opening asking members to stick to the Al-Anon program STILL has members who share as they do in their AA meetings? A member states (about this problem in meetings) that it is difficult to cut them off."

### **From the Fall Assembly October 2020:**

**Question 1:** "What do we do when there is an ugly conflict among active members? Is there a place to go for help?"

**Question 2:** "If we are requested to participate in a non-Al-Anon recovery event and decide to participate, can the organizer use the Al-Anon name in the flier advertising the event? Does this violate Tradition Six?"

### **From the Spring Assembly July 2020:**

**Question 1:** "Referring to our meetings' "Statement of Purpose": What is included in "This group conscience requests that all present refrain from. ....the use or mention of material other than our Al-Anon/Alateen Conference Approved Literature?"

**Question 2:**

The GR's vote (elect) our Area Public Outreach Coordinator into Service and the GR's vote to approve a public outreach budget. Our Public Outreach Coordinator is one of our trusted servants. Do our Concepts support the Area processing its public outreach projects before Assembly when the budget for such activities has already been approved? The budget has already been approved, why then should a project need to be approved?