

# Group Representatives Opening Session Agenda

## “Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance”

### Saturday, May 15, 2021

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WSO Website: [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org)

#### I. Resources:

1. Welcome New and Returning Group Representatives!

2. See the Area Website for what we covered in our first 4 Opening Sessions; the “GR Guide to Assembly;” the agendas for previous GR Opening Sessions, and the WSO Guideline sheet “Group Representatives,” G-11, and the “Informed Group Conscience.”

3. See also your 2018 – 2021 Service Manual (SM): pages 60 - 61 for GR duties, and pages 141 – 143 for GR duties as Assembly members.

#### II. Review of Fall 2020 Opening Session

##### 1. Group Inventory:

Who started and finished a Group Inventory?

If not, what are the obstacles you encountered?

##### 2. Group Problems: Revisiting from GR Chat room

3 Obstacle to Success – Discussion of Religion, Gossip, Dominance

Money problems

Violating Anonymity

Service positions left vacant

Use of non-CAL

##### 3. Possible Solutions:

Study of Traditions and Concepts

Group Conscience

Group Inventory

CAL – *How Al-Anon Works, Paths to Recovery, Conflict Resolution* packet

Experience, Strength and Hope of other Al-Anon members – DR, Area Officers

### III. Moving on in Service

#### 1. SM page 171, Chart of World Service Conference Structure

Concept 1 – “The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups.”

#### 2. Elections within your group before the Oct. 2021 Fall Election Assembly

Your next step in service:

Other positions within your group

District Representative

Other offices within your District

Service Center, if you are within one of our 2 Service Center areas.

Convention Committee

#### 3. Election within your District, also before next Assembly

Outgoing DRs hold election meeting for new DR and District Officers, see p. 141 for more info on this.

SM, p. 140 – 144, “Links of Service,” for info related to offices and elections.

**Next time: For the Fall 2021 Assembly**, we will be looking at the Elections for the Fall Assembly. Please read the “GR Guide to Assembly,” p.5, Section VII, on Election Assemblies. In the Service Manual, read also “Elections,” p, 149 – 154.

**This afternoon at 4:30 – 5:30 GR Chat Room.**

Are there discussions left over from this morning? Elections!

Feel free to email me during the day with discussion items and questions.

