Group Representatives Opening Session Agenda
“Moving Forward with Unity, Courage and Perseverance”
Saturday, May 15, 2021

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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.”


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.

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.