

Spring Assembly 2025 Voting Item

Boundary Change between VA and MD

VA's Eastern Shore District, which includes Chincoteague Island, has two meetings that have been attending MD Assemblies and events for years. These are the only meetings on Chincoteague Island. They have petitioned both VA and MD to move these meetings to MD due to the proximity to MD. This would involve a change in area boundaries and VA would be releasing the entire Chincoteague Island to MD upon approval by WSO.

Before this could take place, VA had to create a policy, which was approved at the 2024 Spring Assembly. The policy can be found at [2024.05.05.VAAreaBoundaryProcedure-Approved.pdf](#). The VA Area Boundary Policy was written with the intention of improving the links of service and be in compliance with the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, page 162, Miscellaneous: Renaming an Area, Changing a Group/District to a New Area:

“Groups or Districts located in one Area contiguous with another Area may, through group conscience and following Area procedures, choose to participate in the second Area and give up participation in the first Area, as agreed upon by both Areas.”

The Policy could not be written to foresee every possible situation, the most applicable portions of the Policy are Sections E and F but do not neatly address the situation here. The meetings have held group consciences and the Eastern Shore District has agreed to this change, therefore the VAWSC believes this request should move to the Assembly for a vote. This matter will be presented for discussion and potential voting at the assembly, should the body choose to proceed. In addition, a change to the Policy, Section F to state Districts and Groups will be initiated but not approved prior to this vote.