
MNSA Electronic Meeting Guidelines

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Background

- Thanks to the COVID pandemic, there has been a huge spike in Electronic Only meetings. To support these groups, the WSO created the Global Electronic Area.(Concept Four)
- Electronic Only meetings are automatically placed in the Global Electronic Area, unless an Area has procedures in place to accept and serve these groups.(Tradituiion Seven)

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- The proposed procedures were shared on how hybrid groups in MN South that want to split into In-person and Electronic Only meetings will all be allowed to remain in MNSA, if desired. The procedures also accommodate newly formed Electronic Only meetings that have certain requirements for a presence in MNSA Area. (Tradition One)

At the Fall 2022 Assembly, the GRs voted to accept Electronic Only Groups, To be part of MNSA.

A Task-Force was created to make Guidelines and a procedure, for those groups become part of MNSA.

The following is a recommendation by the Task Force for guidelines to follow regarding EAFG groups in MNSA.

1. A new EAFG Group will request to be part of MNSA Area 28 by contacting WSO at Al Anon.org and selecting “Group Records”. Until the WSO has added MNSA to the drop-down box for selecting an Area when registering online, the printed version must be utilized. A group seeking assistance in determining its options to register may ask the MNSA AGRC or Alternate Delegate for help.

2. The WSO will confirm MNSA allows EAFGs to be a part of MNSA Area 28 and forward the request to our Group Records Coordinator.

3. MNSA’s Group Records Coordinator, in conjunction with MNSA’s Alternate Delegate, will review the Electronic Meeting Registration form and confirm*:

- The group is comprised of some members residing in MNSA or within a contiguous boundary provided by WSO.

AND,

- The GR and/or the CMA reside within MNSA territory or within a contiguous boundary.

HOWEVER,

- If the Electronic Meeting request does not meet the requirements noted above for an EAFG in MNSA, the request will be forwarded to WSO Group Records to be registered with another Area.

MNSA District assignment will be determined by the EAFG's choice if they already have an affiliation with a district. Otherwise, the Area's GRC will assign the EAFG to a district most closely affiliated with the group.

NOTE: The venue for the Area's assemblies is determined by the current officers of MNSA prior to each assembly after giving consideration for safety and inclusion of all its member groups. If the MNSA Area does not offer a virtual option (hybrid), the EAFG GR will be invited to attend in person.

*Examples of potential groups that may want to continue to be part of Area 28 MNSA:

- MNSA groups that were hybrid but have now split and offer an EAFG exclusively.
- MNSA groups that closed and are reopening as an EAFG.
- Existing MNSA groups starting a new EAFG at a different time and/or day.

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- The proposed procedures were presented to the AWSC in February. They are Guidelines as to how hybrid groups in MN South that want to split into In-person and Electronic Only meetings will all be allowed to remain in MNSA, if desired. The procedures also accommodate newly formed Electronic Only meetings that have certain requirements for a presence in MNSA Area.
 - **There was a motion to accept the Electronic Only Task-Force's recommendation for the Electronic Only meeting procedures to be presented to the GRs at the 2023 Spring Assembly. The motion was seconded Results: Yes 21 No 0 Abstain 0**
 - The procedures are not policy and may be changed if GRs have recommendations. To formally adopt the procedures there needs to be a vote taken at the Assembly.

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- Kit S our Current Delegate will share this update with the WSO in hopes that they will add MNSA to the drop-down menu when Electronic Only groups want to join our Area. The WSO may require we wait until the GRs vote which will further complicate allowing current MNSA groups that transition to Electronic Only avoid the automatic assignment to the Global Electronics Area.
 - The WSO accepted the Guidelines. MNSA is now on the Drop-Down Box on the WSO registration as an option for Electronic Groups in the Minnesota South, to be part of the Minnesota South Area.

However:

- **The Group Representatives at this Assembly need to vote these Guideline into MNSA Policy.**
- We need a motion to accept the Electronic Only Task-Force's recommendation for the Electronic Only meeting procedures.

With Gratitude!

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