

Area 82 Executive Committee

August 29, 2024

6:00 pm (6:30 NL)

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Anne B. chairing

Those in attendance were: Dwayne M., GSD Anne B., Chair Marie M., Webmaster  
Deb C., Sec/Reg Basil M., Treasurer

This meeting has been called to review the document from the webmaster, so that we can present it as a motion from the Area Officers at the Fall Assembly in October.

Marie:

I will share my screen and explain my suggestions as we go along.

I have highlighted here what changes were requested. I just wanted to be clear, the purpose of the motion.

**Purpose of Motion:**

It is to provide clear and consistent onboarding of incoming webmasters

To remove as much ambiguity and confusion around website content updates.

**Summary of Proposed Changes:**

The last time we met, there was a suggestion from the committee to remove the wording “as it supports the traditions and principles of Alcoholics Anonymous” from the document. The reason being that the understanding is that Area 82 does support and work within the traditions and principles of Alcoholics Anonymous. I feel strongly that this should be left in because it hurt to be very clear about that. The possibility does exist that Area 82 could operate with autonomy, at some point, outside of the traditions and principles.

Pg. 23 – Tradition 12 where the subject anonymity

It refers more to Tradition 11, so change to Tradition 11

Appx F – Area Website Policy

Autonomy will be respected - Home groups, intergroups, districts will decide for themselves what they will or will not post to the website. I added “as long as it does not violate AA Traditions” as long as they are not violating the traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Dwayne The only issue that I have with that is that it should be “if they do not violate the 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition. They don’t have to follow any other tradition other than what they choose

Marie Should I change that to 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition?

Dwayne Do you understand where I’m coming from here? “Each group is autonomous, except in matters affecting another group, or AA as a whole.” So, when something is going to be posted to the website, who gets to decide whether it affects other groups, or AA as a whole? If a group wants something posted on the website, and it doesn’t affect other groups, or AA as a whole, then it is none of our business. This one is very tricky.

Chair Yes, let me give an example –

The LGBTQ Community poster – I was told that it wasn’t a “group”. Well, any 2 members together can call themselves a group. So those people got together and called themselves a group.

Dwayne That sums it up – if they’re breaking Tradition 4 then it doesn’t matter what others they’re

Marie breaking. I think the 2<sup>nd</sup> point is covered by the first. Each group will decide for themselves...  
I'll say "Autonomy will be respected as long as Tradition 4 is being followed"

Dwayne That leaves it open to calling a meeting of the Executive for verification, so that you have support and clarification in the case of pushback. If a decision is made by the group, then it will be based on tradition and not on personal opinion.

Additionally Bullet 1  
The Alternate Delegate of Area 82 will direct oversight in all matters pertaining to the website. Change the Alternate Delegate to the Webmaster providing the website guidelines are approved. If the content guidelines in this motion are approved then I think we could move the responsibility for this to the webmaster responsibilities. I wasn't sure what the oversight meant. Does that mean approval of everything to be posted, or does it mean just a general oversight.

Dwayne So, it was always laid out such that the webmaster has a committee. This committee is part of the Active Area committees. The Alternate GSD is the chair of the Active Area Committees group. It could be made clearer by saying "day to day operation and decisions about the website will be made by the webmaster. The co-chairs of the Website committee are the webmaster and the Alt. GSD.

Basil I may be able to shed some light on this – As the webmasters role is very technical, there might be a time when the webmaster might not be an AA member, familiar with the traditions and principles. In such a case, there would need to be oversight by the Alt. GSD. It would be a "right to veto" sort of thing, for the website committee co-chairs.(Alt GSD & Webmaster)

Marie "The Alternate Delegate of Area 82 shall provide status report at the Spring Assembly, the Webmaster will give report at the Fall Assembly...."- just moving this to the Webmaster responsibilities.

Dwayne Could we say "A Webmaster Committee co-chair" will present a report at Assembly.

Marie Yes.  
Then adding a section for "Flyers and Events" is just about having content on the website – giving them guidelines to follow if they want to have a flyer for an event posted on the website.  
It states that we will send the document back for edits if it doesn't follow the guidelines.

Dwayne Who would make the decision which flyers would or would not be posted. I suggest that you make that decision with your committee. That way you are not needing to take any flak as the webmaster on your own. Most of the time it won't be needed, but if there is a question, then the AGSD and the Webmaster can decide. If further scrutiny is necessary then the website committee (Webmaster, AGSD, DCMs) will be called to decide.

Marie Take out acronyms and/or explaining them. Cleaning it up so that if people reach out, we will be easy to find.  
Content management  
Enhancing site management  
Implementing a change log

All members thanked Marie for excellent work! This will be submitted to the Fall Assembly 2024 by the Website Committee with the support of the Area 82 Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.