

Task Force for Election Procedures
Report to District 7
8 Aug 2023

Our task force met twice; once via zoom and a second in person. We shared documents and thoughts via email.

We used the current D7 Election Procedures, the Service Manual, and the election procedures of Florida North Area to review Panel 58 procedures and discuss potential changes.

Recommended changes to the current Election Procedures:

- I. Lines 1-28: A list of all District 7 Panel Members was added for clarification purposes.
- II. Lines 7, 46, 152: Moved Literature Distribution Center (LDC) to the Officers' section of the Panel.
 - a. LDC will be a voting member on the Board of Directors for District 7 AFG, once incorporated.
 - b. Note: Moving the LDC to the Officers' section added additional criteria for LDC candidates.
 - i. An Al-Anon member who is not also a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.
 - ii. Any outgoing or active past Group Representatives, who have or will have completed three years of service in that position.
- III. Line 33: Statement of willingness to attend District Meetings added under criteria of Eligible Candidates
- IV. Line 40: A line under Officer specific position eligibility which previously stated "Past Group Representatives will have been **inactive** at the District level for no more than one three-year panel" was removed.
 - a. Team felt this was redundant because it says "active" Al-Anon member on Line 32 of criteria.
 - b. There is not a requirement to continue service at District. Members could be doing service in their group, chairing events, etc. This was the experience of one of our team members.
- V. Lines 48-52: Statement of Eligible Candidates as those not being AA members from Al-Anon Service Manual (P-24/27 Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Policies P86-87) was placed under Officers position eligibility.
- VI. Lines 59-63: Statement of Eligible Candidates as those not being AA members from Al-Anon Service Manual (P-24/27 Digest of Al-Anon/Alateen Policies P86-87) under Secretary positions.
 - a. These two positions have a District 7 designated requirement of having at least one year experience serving as a Group Representative
- VII. Line 64: Eligibility for Secretary and District Information Secretary was amended to be in line with current practice adding the word "incoming". An incoming Group Representative may be one of the Secretaries. Provided that they have served at least one full year in a previous panel as a Group Representative.
- VIII. Line 114: A line under Procedures that previously read "Any unreadable name on a ballot will not be counted as a vote cast" was removed.
- IX. Lines 126-144: Procedure for elections and how to ask candidates to stand was expanded for clarity.

Note: Not included in this list were changes made in format and wording which had no bearing on meaning.

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Proposed changes to the Election Procedures were approved at the 12 August District meeting with the following amendment-

Wherever there was an instance of the word Officer, “District” was placed before it.

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