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AFG FLORIDA SOUTH AREA 10

Summer 2023

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Teaching Moment by Terri M, Alt Delegate, Panel 61

What can be done in the absence of a quorum?

It is very disheartening to be gathered, ready to conduct business and not be able to proceed because of a lack of quorum. Especially if the body is lacking just one member!

A motion to adjourn for lack of a quorum may be raised after the quorum call if an insufficient number of members present themselves.

Lack of a quorum

If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, the members present may adjourn the meeting ...

Does adjourning a meeting require a motion?

A motion to adjourn must be seconded. A motion to adjourn is not debatable or amendable.

Procedure where meeting adjourned for want of quorum:

If a meeting could not be held for want of quorum, then unless the articles otherwise provide, the meeting shall automatically stand adjourned ...

“since there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned”

Regarding closing:

“Since there is no further business (that can be done without Quorum), the meeting is adjourned.”

“To adjourn means to close the meeting. Even if there is still business that has not been completed a majority may vote to adjourn.” Robert’s Rules of Order pg. 17



Our UPDATED Calendar for the remainder of 2023 through the close of Panel 61 - Please make note!

Summer AWSC

Fri. July 21 - Sun. July 23, 2023

Marriott Coral Springs Hotel & Convention Center - Heron Bay
11775 Heron Bay Blvd
Coral Springs, FL 33076

33rd Florida South Area 10 Convention with AA Participation

Fri. August 18 - Sun. August 20, 2023

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point
5001 Coconut Road
Bonita Springs, FL, 34134

Area 10 Service Event

Saturday September 30, 2023

Center for Spiritual Living
4849 North Dixie Highway
Oakland Park, FL 33334

Fall Election Assembly

Fri. October 20- Sun. October 22, 2023 Marriott Coral Springs Hotel & Convention Center - Heron Bay
11775 Heron Bay Blvd
Coral Springs, FL 33076

Turnover AWSC

Saturday December 2, 2023
Royal Palm Christian Church
9600 Royal Palm Blvd
Coral Springs, FL 33065

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Avoiding Double-Headed Management on Social Media

Growing up, I was often tasked with chores nobody else wanted to do, many of which required manual labor outdoors in the middle of the desert. I remember being hot and miserable for days on end without any help. As a young teenager, I had no control over how chores were assigned. My high-functioning alcoholic father worked and provided for the family. My mother took care of the cooking and cleaning around the house. My younger brother was responsible for keeping his room clean. I was left to do whatever else needed to be done.

Even though I felt like I got the short end of the stick, we each had our place in the family and contributed based on our abilities. Because he assigned me such difficult chores, I would often wonder why my dad didn't love me. Looking back, I can appreciate how we all contributed to the family in different but important ways.

I recall two specific projects that had me outside in the hot Arizona sun with a shovel and pickax, digging through sand and caliche, a cement-like layer below the soil surface. One was digging holes for two trees in the front yard, which, once they were planted, were beautiful and added much to our home's curb appeal. The other was leveling the spot for an above-ground swimming pool, which I think I lived in for many of those hot desert days after it was installed. So, while I did not enjoy the required work, I was able to enjoy the fruits of my labor. I only wish I had truly appreciated it back then like I can now.

Unlike in my childhood home, where there was little to no risk of anyone wanting to take over digging from me—although it would have been greatly appreciated!—on Al-Anon-related social media, the risk of double-headed management is great.

In April 2022, the World Service Conference (WSC) approved changes to the “Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies” regarding social media. On pages 127–128 of the *2022–2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (P-24/27) v2*, the new policy defines who can create a social media page and identifies the boundaries of public outreach relevant to the membership they serve for each of the following:

World Service Office

Areas, Districts, Al-Anon Information Services/Intergroups

General Service Offices and national structures

Groups

Individual members

Some groups have asked if they can create a Facebook page to attract newcomers to their group. On page 128, under the heading “Social Media—Groups,” the policy states, “In keeping with Tradition Five, the purpose of an Al-Anon Family Group is to help the families and friends of alcoholics. Groups do not create social media pages. Groups are encouraged to support service arms’ public outreach efforts.” Likewise, under “Social Media—Individual Members,” the policy states that “individual members do not create Al-Anon/Alateen social media pages,” but they are encouraged “to share social media posts from the WSO and other service arms for public outreach,” always maintaining the principle of personal anonymity and respecting Al-Anon’s Twelve Traditions.

While we may not be assigned the chore we want, hopefully, through a unified effort with each member doing their part, more people affected by the family disease of alcoholism will be able to find the love and support of our program.

By Scot P., Associate Director—Brand Communications

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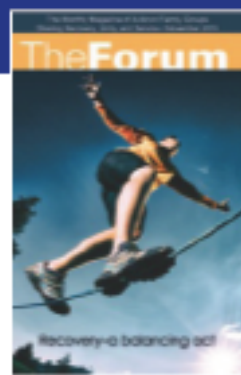
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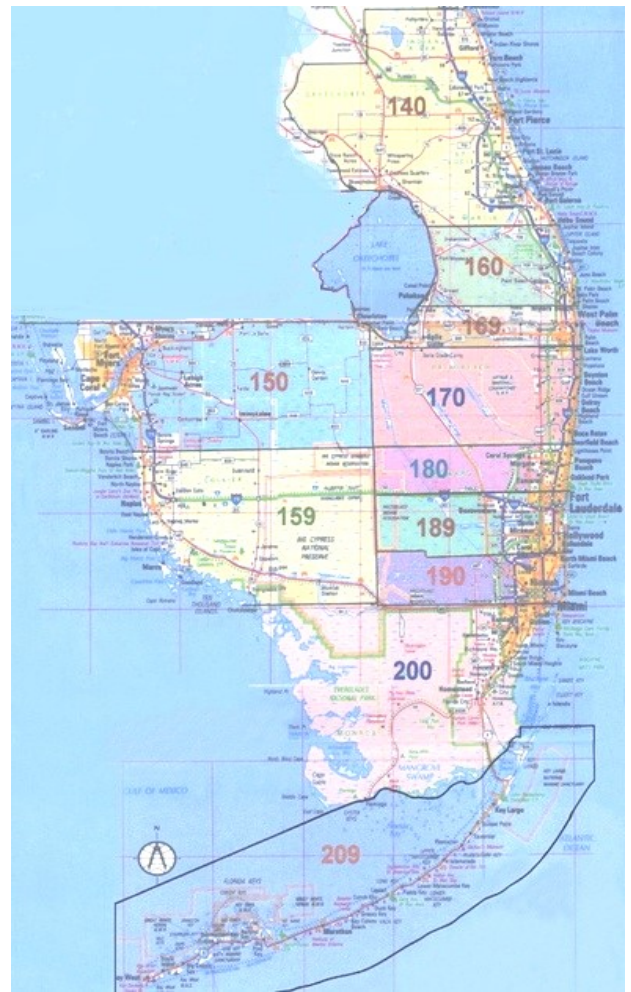
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