

## **FLOOR DISCUSSION TOPIC:**

### **Should Area 72 welcome online groups from other Areas to become members of District 25 in Area 72?**

Recently, a virtual group has contacted the Area 72 Registrar requesting to join District 25 and Area 72. The virtual group is currently attached to another Area.

Specifically, A group called “Half Way Through Group” ID # 000109010 has requested to be transferred from Area14 (North Florida) to Area72 virtual District 25. GSO’s policy is we need both Area Delegate’s approval.

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Area 72 Oct. Assembly 2021 passed the motion:** “We move that Western Washington Area 72 create a district for the online groups in the Area.”

### **How District 25 would Operate**

- This District would operate in the same way as other Districts. (AA Service Manual Chapter Three: The District and the D.C.M.)
  - The Service Manual defines a district as a “geographical unit”. For purposes of this district, the geographical area is defined as all of Area 72.
- This District would elect a District Committee Member in the same manner as described in the Service Manual.
- Financial Support – this district would be financially supported in the same manner as other districts i.e., by the groups that belong to the district.
- DCM Duties – the duties of the DCM for this virtual district would be identical to the duties outlined in the Service Manual:
  - Regularly attends all district groups and area assemblies and quarterlies.
  - Is the communication link between the district groups, the area and the delegate.
    - Provides reports to the GSRs/groups from the area, delegate, the conference and GSO.
    - Provides reports from the GSRs/groups to the area, the delegate, the conference and GSO.
  - Votes, where applicable, at area assemblies and quarterlies
  - “By maintaining active contact, both with the groups in the district and with the area delegate, the D.C.M. is a key link in ensuring that all the A.A. groups are aware of the importance of their total participation in local, district, area and world services.” (Your D.C.M.; Pamphlet F-12)
  - All additional duties as described in the Service Manual.

**71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference (action items on online groups):**

The U.S./Canada General Service Structure recognize online groups and encourages their participation, listing those groups who ask to be listed within the group's preferred district and area, with the default option being the location of the group's primary contact. This supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as "International Correspondence Meetings."

NOTES:

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Online Meeting Ad Hoc Committee – See [area72aa.org](http://area72aa.org) for the full ad hoc committee report.

2021 Motion Online District Background Information – See [area72aa.org](http://area72aa.org) for full background information.