

Policy to Accept Electronic Groups into NYN Area Service Structure

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1. Electronic Groups can be accepted into NYN provided that, the physical address of the CMA and/or GR is within NYN, or one of the contiguous Areas (NY South, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ontario South, Vermont). This is described in the Service Manual under “Miscellaneous: Renaming an Area, changing a Group/District to a New Area.” regarding “Contiguous”.
2. Electronic Groups must indicate which existing NYN District best represents their members and request assignment to that District. In the event that no District is requested by an Electronic Group, the Group will be assigned to a District based on the physical address of the CMA. Once an Electronic Group is assigned to a District, it will remain in that District unless the Group (through a group conscience) requests to change Districts through the process already established in the Service Manual. Districts shall exercise their Tradition 4 autonomy for determining how their business meetings are conducted and accessed. Districts are not required to provide electronic access to their business meetings.
3. Electronic Groups already assigned to the Global Electronic Area (GEA) and wishing to become part of NYN, will be permitted to do so provided the residential requirement outlined in #1 above is met, and that both Areas permit the change as provided for in the Service Manual.
4. While it is the desire and intent of NYN to expand universal access to Al-Anon by making meetings available by whatever electronic platform a group may choose, this procedure does not require that all District and Area business meetings/assemblies be conducted with electronic access. Electronic Groups will determine their ability to participate in the NYN Links-of-Service when considering NYN registration.
5. This Electronic Group Registration Procedure is approved for a two-year trial basis, after which time the Area Assembly will determine if it shall become a permanent part of NYN Area policies.