

UTAH AREA PERMANENT ELECTRONIC GROUP TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Electronic Group (EG): Groups which meet only through phone, Google Meet, Zoom, etc. with no face-to-face component.

The Utah Area Permanent Electronic Group (EG) Task Force proposes the following policies and procedures to welcome EGs into AI-Anon links of service.

Suggested Area Policies and Procedures:

1. Each EG interested in joining the Utah Area will follow the Service Manual/other WSO processes for establishing an AI-Anon Family Group (AFG) and for registration.
2. It is recommended that the Current Mailing Address (CMA), Group Representative (GR), and Alternate GR reside within Utah Area boundaries. Those Districts with border towns can use their autonomy to guide and oversee their fellowship.
3. As the purpose of registration is to be part of the AI-Anon Family Group (AFG) structure, it is encouraged that the GR, DR, and other trusted servants representing EGs will make themselves available to participate in service meetings, whether held in person, electronically, or hybrid.
4. The Utah Area will poll all Districts in the Area to determine which Districts are willing and able to welcome EGs. The Area Secretary and/or the Area Group Record Coordinator (AGRC) will compile and maintain a list of Districts willing to welcome EGs, hereafter called 'The List'.
5. As part of the process, the EG must first contact the Area Secretary or the AGRC and may request assignment to one of the existing Utah Area Districts by indicating the District Number on the Registration Form.
 - a. 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.
6. EGs within our area, once registered, will remain in the district to which they were assigned.
7. If an EG from the Global Electronic Area (GEA) wishes to join our area:
 - a. The EG will contact the AGRC or the Area Secretary to determine which districts are on 'The List'. They may choose a district on 'The List'.
 - b. The EG would follow the WSO process to change Areas.
8. EGs, and all groups, are asked to become familiar with and follow the AI-Anon Service Manual and Guidelines as well as becoming familiar with the Utah Area Guidelines.
9. As AFGs ought to be fully self-supporting, EGs are responsible to:
 - a. Support their own electronic method such as Zoom, Google Meet, etc.
 - b. EGs, and all AFGs, make every effort to ensure members are aware of and have methods in place to make contributions to our service arms and various service levels. (Tradition 7 and Warranty 1; Refer to Service Manual 2022 -2025 "Group Finances/Budget", pages 52 -54.)
10. For Utah Area EGs which have an existing in-person registration ID# with the WSO and have decided not to return to being an in-person group but will remain as an EG, they will keep their group ID# when transforming, following the WSO recommendations as stated in item #1.
11. In a situation where a current registered group has split into two groups, one in-person and one electronic, the original Electronic or in-person group will retain the existing ID#. The new Group will register with the WSO and be assigned a new ID#.
12. While it is the desire and intent of the Utah Area to expand universal access to AI-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 must be conducted with electronic access. EGs will determine their ability to participate in the Utah Family Groups links-of-Service when considering Utah Area registration.
13. The Electronic Group Task Force recommends that these Electronic Group Registration Policies and Procedures be approved for a two-year trial basis, after which time the Area Assembly will determine if they shall become a permanent part of Utah Area Guidelines.