

## FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

This will be the year of our elections for new officers and coordinators for Area 24 Maryland and District of Columbia. Elections will be held at the Fall Area Assembly to be held on **October 22, 2011, District 8 (NE Baltimore City/County hosting.)** Below you will find Area 24 Maryland and District of Columbia Election Procedures that have been used in past elections.

### 2005 ELECTION PROCEDURE~

Our *Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual* clearly states that a person holding dual membership, i.e. Al-Anon/Alateen and AA, cannot hold office above the Group level and therefore will have no vote at our Assembly meetings. (Group Representatives and Alternate Group Representatives may not be dual members.)

Prior to the election Assembly, the following elections are to be held:

1. Group Representatives and Alternate Group Representatives -elected and take office by August 1st.
2. District Representatives and Alternate District Representatives -elected by September 1 and take office on January 1 st.

New listings showing current and incoming District Representatives and Alternate District Representatives and new Group Representatives and Alternate Group Representatives must be sent or given to Group Records Coordinator by September 15th.

World Service Delegate and Alternate Delegate and all Area Officers and Coordinators will take office January 1st. .

The following are the election procedures to be used for the selection of Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Area Assembly Officers.

**VOTING BODY:** Newly elected Group Representatives or Alternate Group Representatives in the Group Representatives absence, whose group is registered with World Service Office.

**NOTE:** **At the Fall Area Assembly October 23, 2010** we decided that **The outgoing GR or the designee (who may be the new GR) will vote for the incoming board. This is in the bylaws.**

From the minutes:

Additional discussion about who votes: Former GRs bring the new GRs to the election assembly- the new GRs vote. New DRs will also be voted in by that time. Larry D. brought up that in the past the old GRs did the voting and that he would like to propose that the outgoing GRs do the voting. Someone else mentioned that new GRs hear the resumes and might have a feel for who the people are that with whom they will be working. Using service sponsors, service manuals, and other resources might help.

*Motion: There was a motion that the outgoing and incoming reps vote for the new board. (This motion was amended after the following discussion.)*

Discussion:

The by-laws, since incorporation, state that only GRs or designees may represent each group. Each group gets 1 vote. The motion was amended to say that the outgoing GR should be the one who votes.

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