

New York South Assembly Area Discovery Convention

FACT SHEET

What is a Convention?

An Area convention is an occasion for Al-Anon and Alateen members to gather for fun and fellowship, to celebrate their beginnings, enhance their understanding of the program, and to find ways to attract new members.

The term "convention" refers to fun and fellowship events; the term "conference" usually is reserved for service and business events. (from Al-anon Guidelines: Al-Anon Alateen Area Conventions G-20)

Who participates in an Area Convention?

Al-Anon members, Alateen members, family members, A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) members, anyone interested in Al-Anon. Attendees may come as day trippers, stay one night or both nights.

Meetings and workshops at Area Conventions are open. Anyone who feels they have been affected by a problem drinker may attend. "Speakers keep the Al-Anon focus and maintain their anonymity regarding other twelve step programs." *(from Al-Anon Guidelines: Al-Anon Alateen Area Conventions G-20)*

Does A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) participate in an Al-anon Convention?

If the Al-Anon committee has invited A.A. to participate, the A.A. Chairperson selected by A.A. is usually invited to attend planning sessions. Al-Anon provides A.A. with meeting space and guidelines for specific expenses (speakers, publicity, volunteer sign-up, etc.). *(from Al-Anon Guidelines: Al-Anon Alateen Area Conventions G-20)*

Open A.A. meetings may be planned throughout a Convention weekend.

Open A.A. meetings welcome all those interested, including Al-Anon members, to attend and observe. Non-alcoholics should not participate in any A.A. meeting discussion unless specifically invited to do so.

(from Al-Anon Guidelines: Cooperation Between Al-Anon and A.A. G3)

What is a Convention Committee?

The Convention Coordinator is elected at an Assembly for a one-year term and may be re-elected for a second one-year term. The Convention Coordinator is elected among current or past active Group Representatives of the New York South Assembly Area who according to the NYSA Guidelines, are not Al-Anon members who are also members of A.A. *(from NYS Assembly Area Convention Committee Guidelines for "Discovery.")* The Coordinator must have attended at least one Discovery convention.

The Convention Committee consists of the Chairpersons of all the subcommittees. Subcommittees usually "do the footwork." They then bring their recommendations to the full committee for consensus (except on matters where the scope of their authority is defined in advance). Cooperation with Area Coordinators such as Literature and Public Outreach increased committee effectiveness. Committee members should have a sound understanding of the Traditions and Concepts as well as the ability to work and cooperate with others. *(from Al-Anon Guidelines: Al-Anon Alateen Area Conventions G-20)*

What is Discovery?

Discovery is the spiritual theme of the New York South Assembly Area Convention. This spiritual theme is maintained for each Area Discovery Convention.

What are the purposes of the Area Discovery Convention?

1. to share experience, strength and hope in the spirit of fun and fellowship.
2. to help foster a spirit of cooperation, participation, and unity within the New York South Assembly Area.
3. to offer individual members the opportunity of experiencing Al-Anon / Alateen beyond the group and / or district level.

I would like to be included on the Discovery Convention e-mail list to receive information and updates about the Convention, registration, etc. E-mail addresses will be used by the Convention Committee to send announcements, save the date, registration information, etc. Your e-mail address will not be sold or used for any other purpose.

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