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CURRENT TEXT pages 82-83 2014-2017 Service Manual	PROPOSED TEXT
<p>Dual Membership in Al-Anon/Alateen and A.A.</p> <p>Al-Anon/Alateen members who are also members of A.A. are eligible to hold office within their Al-Anon or Alateen groups. Active members of Al-Anon who are also A.A.s may serve as the Sponsor of Alateen groups by virtue of their Al-Anon membership. These are vital group services, and at all times emphasis should be placed on the Al-Anon interpretation of the program.</p> <p>Because of the unique nature of both programs, Al-Anon/Alateen members who are also A.A. members do not hold office beyond the group level, as these positions could lead to membership in the World Service Conference (WSC).</p>	<p>Dual Membership in Al-Anon/Alateen and A.A. <u>Service Participation by Members of Al-Anon Family Groups Who Are also Members of Alcoholics Anonymous</u></p> <p>Al-Anon/Alateen members who are also members of A.A. are eligible to hold office within their Al-Anon or Alateen groups. Active members of Al-Anon who are also A.A.s may serve as the Sponsor of Alateen groups by virtue of their Al-Anon membership. These are vital group services, and at all times emphasis should be placed on the Al-Anon interpretation of the program.</p> <p><u>Al-Anon Family Groups and Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) share a common spiritual legacy in A.A.'s Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Before Al-Anon was founded, family groups met with and beside A.A. groups. In 1951 various family groups banded together and agreed to organize Al-Anon Family Groups, a program dedicated to helping the friends and families of alcoholics. Over the years, Al-Anon developed its own service structure, based on the model provided by A.A.'s experience and guided by the Twelve Traditions.</u></p> <p>Because of the unique nature of both programs, Al-Anon/Alateen members who are also A.A. members do not hold office beyond the group level, as these positions could lead to membership in the World Service Conference (WSC). The need to focus on the Al-Anon program and the possibility of <u>Tradition Five defines Al-Anon's single purpose. Tradition Six encourages cooperation with Alcoholics Anonymous, maintaining that Al-Anon is a separate entity that ought never affiliate or create the</u></p>

The need to focus on the Al-Anon program and the possibility of a conflict of interest at Assembly and world service levels led the WSC to its decision not to seat Al-Anon/Alateen members who are also members of A.A.

For these reasons A.A. members do not serve as Group Representatives (GRs), District Representatives (DRs), Area Coordinators, Newsletter Editors, Delegates and/or any of their alternates, nor do they sit on the WSO selected committees, whose Chairpersons can be Conference members.

appearance of affiliation with any outside enterprise. Putting these principles into practice maintains a separation between the service structures of Al-Anon and A.A. This separation helps avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest at Assembly and world service levels led the WSC to its decision not to seat **and safeguards Al-Anon's singleness of purpose. Accordingly, Al-Anon's policy is that members** who are also members of A.A. ~~For these reasons A.A. members do not serve as Group Representatives (GRs), District Representatives (DRs), Area Delegate, World Service Conference member, alternate to any of these service positions, or on any committee of the World Service Office. Area Coordinators, Newsletter Editors, Delegates and/or any of their alternates, nor do they sit on the WSO selected committees, whose Chairpersons can be Conference members.~~

Filling service positions is a matter of district and Area autonomy, within this policy and the spiritual principles that form its basis. Tradition Four grants autonomy to local service arms, except in matters affecting Al-Anon or A.A. as a whole. Al-Anon members who are also members of A.A. participate fully in all group activities, including group conscience decisions. However, they do not hold Al-Anon service positions that vote in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or A.A. as a whole.

Participating in Al-Anon service is integral to recovery for every member. Step Twelve, carrying our message to others, is a very important part of Al-Anon service. Members of Al-Anon who are also members of A.A. are often in a position to carry our message to those who are not aware of the benefits of attending Al-Anon Family Groups. Members of Al-Anon who are also members of A.A. may serve Al-Anon in ways that include being an Alateen Group

	<p>Sponsor (see "Alateen Policy") or they may ^{a60} be invited by local/Area service arms, the Board of Trustees, or the World Service Office to participate in projects, in keeping with the spirit of this policy.</p> <p><u>This policy on service participation by members of Al-Anon who are also A.A. members protects Al-Anon's viability as a program dedicated to helping the families and friends of alcoholics. It ensures that Al-Anon's service structure represents the unique perspective of families and friends of alcoholics, recognizing that the alcoholic's perspective is represented in A.A.'s service structure. Members honor this policy out of respect for Al-Anon unity and the group conscience process, in accordance with Tradition One and Tradition Two.</u></p>
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