

What is Greater Seattle Al-Anon Information Service (AIS)?

The need for the Greater Seattle AIS, a service organization, was decided in 1968. In 1980, it officially became a non-profit corporation to serve the nine Districts 14-22. The districts decided a cooperative effort to fund an AIS to provide important services for the Al-Anon Family Groups (AFGs) would be more effective than each district to do so on their own.

1. Mission and Objectives:

- a. Cooperate with Groups and Districts in their effort to make the public aware that Al-Anon and Alateen are for relatives and friends of alcoholics.
- b. Act as a point of contact with Al-Anon and Alateen for the general public.
- c. Serve as a "clearinghouse" for Groups and Districts' activities and information.
- d. Serve as a communication center for Groups and Districts with respect to matters of local policy, publicity and interest.
- e. Serve as a Literature Distribution Center

2. Board:

Board members are the AIS Officers, Coordinators and Alt District Reps or District Reps. The primary purpose of this meeting is to establish the policy for running the organization, review proposals, oversee financial matters and oversight of volunteer staff.

3. Council:

Council Members are the AFG Alternate Group Reps or Group Reps, AIS Officers, Coordinators and Associates. The primary purpose of the Council meeting is the operations of AIS.

4. Seattle AIS provides the following services:

- a. Website: www.seattle-al-anon.org
 - i. Meeting schedule
 - ii. Events calendar with flyers
 - iii. Newcomer information
- b. Literature Distribution Center
 - i. Order via email, pay online, order shipped/delivered in about a week.
 - ii. Most English and Spanish WSO Conference Approved Literature (CAL) in stock
 - iii. Purchases and pickup available at the office on the first Saturday of each month
- c. BITS Monthly Newsletter: sign-up on website (bottom of home page)
- d. Phone Support: Volunteers take calls and texts (206-625-0000) for newcomers and 12 step calls.
- e. Outreach: Funding for year-end outreach campaign is planned. Exact plans will depend on estimated year-end financials. Available to advise and discuss support for District and Group outreach events.
- f. AIS Office: Office is open the first Saturday of each month from 11am to 3pm. Volunteers are available for fellowship, newcomers and literature sales.
- g. Host occasional fellowship events such as 2022 Gratitude Garden Party. Check the events calendar and flyers for future events.
- h. Conducts quarterly Board and monthly Council meetings to report AIS' activities and financials to AFGs and Districts.

5. Funding

- a. Seattle AIS is funded primarily through AFG and District 7th Tradition donations.
- b. Seattle AIS operates daily with an all-volunteer staff to keep funding requirements to a minimum.