

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 and Coordinators. 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. All English and Spanish WSO Conference Approved Literature (CAL) in stock
 - iii. Purchases available at the office when it re-opens in the future
- c. BITS Monthly Newsletter: sign-up on website (bottom of home page)
- d. Phone Support: Volunteers answer calls 206-625-0000 for newcomers and 12 step calls.
- e. Outreach: Currently need Coordinator. Plans and funds in place for digital ad campaign end of the year. Available to advise and discuss support for District and Group outreach events.
- f. AIS Office: Office closed now due to COVID, but plans to re-open when enough volunteers are available
- g. Host occasional fellowship events such as upcoming Gratitude Garden Party, Aug 21, 2022 and Lois' Birthday in 2020.
- 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 through AFG and District 7th Tradition and literature sales.
- b. Seattle AIS operates daily with an all-volunteer staff to keep funding requirements to a minimum.