

Form: Proposed Topic for Area Consideration

1. Create a title for your topic. It can be a question or a statement that needs clarification or a brand new topic to consider.

Topic for discussion:

Should the Colorado Area Register Other Domains ?

2. Summarize why you brought this question/topic forward to the Area. Relevance and Context. If this is a new topic, why do you feel this topic is important for the Area to consider?

Summary:

A member of our website advisory committee has recommended having a discussion about registering multiple domain names for our website. There are two main advantages to doing so.

1. Many people are familiar with the .com suffix and currently get an error message if they type in al-anon-co.com instead of al-anon-co.org. Registering multiple domain names and redirecting the user to the correct site is a courtesy.
2. By registering and “claiming” a domain we would prevent ownership by “bad actors”. For example, somebody might register al-anon-co.com and set up a site to collect donations in the name of the Colorado Area AFG.

The main disadvantage is cost.

1. GoDaddy (our domain registrar & web host) Cost: \$45.99 for a 3 year term per domain (\$.01 1st year, \$22.99 2nd & 3rd years)
Squarespace Cost: \$9/yr (\$27 for a 3 year term) for *.org domains, and \$14/yr for *.com domains
WIX Cost: \$45.80 for 3 years
Hostinger Cost: \$40.57 for 3 years
BlueHost Cost : \$27.07 for first year
2. There are many possible variations members could be trying such as: al-anon-co.com, al-anon-co.net, co-al-anon.org and co-al-anon.com, (which follows the format of some other Areas) alanonco.org, alanonco.com, coalanon.org, etc. Which ones would we choose to register?

3. Include any available background information on the topic. Sources could include, but are not limited to, WSO, AWSC, Group Records, CAL (Conference Approved Literature), our Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual or past Area/AWSC minutes, which may include relevant past motions or discussions related to the topic.

Historical Background Information:

Using AFG Connects I asked other website coordinators if they register multiple domain names. I got 3 responses: one area registers only one domain name, one area registers the *.org and *.com domains;

one area recently changed to a simpler domain name and redirects from their old one as well as registers *.org and *.com

Do you think a Thought Force or Task Force is needed? Yes No

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