

GR Connection Session DRAFT

Area 5
Summer Assembly
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Welcome to your Area 5 GR Connection Summer Session!

The primary purpose of the GR Connection is to encourage, empower, and enhance the service experience of all Area 5 GRs throughout their terms.

The topics for this session of the GR Connection are:

“Leading a Business Meeting” (guided by Knowledge-Based Decision Making) and
“Leading an Informed Group Conscience.”

Group Business Meetings

Our Service Manual states.....(page 52)

The **group business meeting** is an opportunity for members to share their ideas to increase group membership, express concerns, plan special meetings or projects, and other group business - such as changing the group name, CMA, group phone contacts, the meeting time and place, finances, meeting format, open or closed meeting status, etc. Business meetings are also an **opportunity to identify and discuss solutions to group problems** such as: gossip; dominance; the need for additional group service positions; rotation of leadership; inappropriate behavior of a member before, during, or after the meeting, etc.

Group Conscience

Our Service Manual also states.....(page 53)

The **group conscience** is the **result** of the **group’s business meeting discussions**. The group conscience is the will of the group. The guiding principles for the group conscience are **always** the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Service. It may be helpful for the group to review these principles prior to any group discussions.

Supplemental Conference Approved Literature:

Conflict Resolution using our Twelve Traditions (S-72)
Al-Anon’s Twelve Traditions Illustrated (P-60)
Al-Anon Alateen Groups at Work 2014-2017 (P-24)
Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017 (P24/27)
The Concepts: Al-Anon’s Best-Kept Secret? (P-57)

Al-Anon's Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions (B-8)
Hope for Today (B-27) 6 pages on Group Conscience

KBDM Free on our Area website:

http://www.al-anon-co.org/images/NewGR_KBDM_Introduction.pdf

World Service Conference Summary, 1980. Free on WSO site:

<http://al-anon.org/members/pdf/summary/1980summary.pdf>

Conference Theme: "Group Conscience in Action"