



Al-Anon Family Groups -Tennessee Area 52 Election Procedures

Adopted: 5/31/24

Note: Saturday is designated as “Election” day of Fall Assembly weekend of the 3rd year of each Panel.

A. ELIGIBILITY TO STAND FOR AREA TRUSTED SERVANTS

1. Delegate and Alternate Delegate

Any District Representative (DR): who has, or will have, served a consecutive three-year term as a DR by the start of the new term, who has remained active at the TN Area level, and who regularly attends Al-Anon meetings.

2. Election of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer

From among the DRs. In addition to the DRs, the outgoing Delegate may be included on the slate for Chairperson.

B. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE AT ELECTION ASSEMBLIES

Group Representatives (GRs), or the Alternate GR in the absence of the GR.

C. ELECTION PROCEDURE

The Chairperson is responsible for reviewing and presenting "Duties of Assembly Members" Handbook/ Duties of Assembly Members for the specific offices.

The Chairperson asks for acceptance of the Tennessee Area 52 proposed method of election as agreed upon by a two-thirds vote of the assembly – which is determined by the Secretary.

The Secretary takes roll call of present GRs and announces the total members eligible to vote. (Each Group has one vote cast by the GR or Alternate GR in the GR's absence.)

The Secretary explains the method chosen to cast confidential ballots. Written and electronic votes are tallied together for one total.

Voting for Delegate begins as suggested in the current copy of the Service Manual/ World Service Handbook/ Election Assembly Procedure.

- a) The Chairperson calls for those eligible for each office to raise their hand. Then asks for those who are willing to be considered for each position to keep their hand up.
- b) Names of those eligible and willing to stand for the office are displayed.
- c) Prior to the voting for each office, those eligible and willing to stand for the office will be asked to share their service background and other pertinent information with the Assembly.
- d) Voting then begins by confidential ballot.



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- e) Candidates, if eligible to vote for the office being voted on, will be asked to leave the room after casting their votes.
- f) Written and electronic ballots will be tallied together. Tallied votes will be displayed alongside the name of each candidate.
- g) Balloting for Delegate and Alternate Delegate continues until one candidate receives a two-thirds vote.
- h) If no one has the required two-thirds vote after several ballots, AND if two candidates have 40% each or more of the total vote, the chairperson will request that those two candidates continue, and the others withdraw.
- i) Whether or not any names are withdrawn, another ballot is taken.
- j) If no election occurs, the chairperson asks for a motion to close the balloting, and that the choice be made by lot between the two highest candidates.

Balloting for other officers continues in the same manner as Delegate and Alternate Delegate.

D. SELECTION OF AREA COORDINATORS

The incoming World Service Delegate appoints Coordinators.

Those interested in any Coordinator position are asked to read the Service Position Descriptions and submit an "Interest Form" to the Chairperson, who will pass it on to the incoming Delegate

The announcement of the new Coordinators will be made when the positions have been filled.