

# Group Representatives Opening Session Agenda

## “Back to Basics”

### Saturday, May 4, 2024

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#### I. Resources:

1. Welcome New and Returning Group Representatives!
2. See the agendas for this assembly on [VA Area Website](http://www.vaalanon.org).
3. Opening GR Session Agendas for what was covered in previous assemblies. [One](#), [Two](#), [Three](#) and [Four](#)
  - [GR Guide to Assembly](#)
  - [WSO Guideline sheet “Group Representatives,” G-11.](#)
3. See also your [Service Manual](#) (SM): page 59 for GR duties, and pages 144 – 146 for GR duties as Assembly members. (Add 2 pages if searching the digital copy SM i.e. 59->61)
4. Business Meetings and Group Conscience, SM pages 51 – 53.

#### II. Review of Fall 2023 Opening Session

##### 1. Group Inventory:

Who started and finished a Group Inventory?  
If not, what are the obstacles you encountered?

##### 2. Group Problems: Revisiting from GR Chat room

3 Obstacle to Success – Discussion of Religion, Gossip, Dominance  
Money problems  
Violating Anonymity  
Service positions left vacant  
Use of non-CAL

##### 3. Possible Solutions:

Study of Traditions and Concepts  
Group Conscience  
Group Inventory  
CAL – *How Al-Anon Works, Paths to Recovery, Conflict Resolution* packet  
Experience, Strength and Hope of other Al-Anon members – DR, Area Officers

### III. Moving On In Service

#### 1. SM P. 176-177 Chart of World Service Conference Structure

Concept 1 – “The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups.”

Concept 4 – “Participation is the key to harmony.”

#### 2. Elections within your group before the Oct. 2024 Fall Election Assembly

Your next step in service:

Other positions within your group

District Representative

Other offices within your District

Service Center, if you are within one of our 2 Service Center areas.

Convention Committee

#### 3. Election within your District, also before next Assembly

Outgoing DRs hold election meeting for new DR and District Officers, see p. 141 for more info on this.

SM, p. 140 – 144, “Links of Service,” for info related to offices and elections.

#### 4. Chat Room Questions

**Next time: For the Fall 2021 Assembly**, we will be looking at the Elections for the Fall Assembly. Please read the “GR Guide to Assembly,” p.5, Section VII, on Election Assemblies. In the Service Manual, read also “Elections,” p, 149 – 154.