

District 49 Website Statement of Purpose & Guidelines

1. The Website will adhere to the spirit of A.A. and the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

- ❖ In keeping with traditions 11 & 12 complete names of individuals, individual phone numbers, postal and identifying E-Mail addresses will not be displayed on the Website.
 - Last names and identifying e-mail addresses will not be displayed. Individual phone numbers may be placed on flyers which are displayed but not the website itself. Example of an identifying e-mail: firstnamelastname@gmail.com Non identifying e-mail: suzyq@gmail.com
 - **”Due to search services on the Internet, it is now possible to utilize phone numbers to find out a person’s identity, including full names and, possibly, other personal information. If A.A. members become increasingly uneasy with personal phone numbers being placed on flyers, event committees may need to look into alternate ways of providing contact information such as an event e-mail address.”**

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- ❖ There will be no affiliation or endorsement with non A.A. entities. The Website will not link to websites not sponsored by legitimate A.A. entities. Individual websites by A.A. members which contain A.A. material are prohibited. Also links to individual businesses, blogs or such will not be posted.
 - Information as long as noted, may be provided by linking to a non A.A. entity as a courtesy or in the spirit of cooperation. Such as:
 - A link to the Al-Anon Fellowship has been supplied out of the spirit of cooperation not affiliation.
 - Directions have been provided on the schedule as a courtesy. This does not imply endorsement or affiliation to Google Maps or Mapquest.
- ❖ Copy righted photos, icons, or any other graphics will not be displayed.
 - The internet provides many free graphics & photos. A photo or other graphics placed on the World Wide Web does not indicate it does not hold a copy right or is free.

2. The home groups, District and Website committee within District 49 will decide the content and information that is to be displayed on the website. Participation within the Website is voluntary.

- ❖ Home groups will not be required to submit flyers or any other related information to be placed on the website.
- ❖ District 49 may request to post events on the website from groups and districts outside of District 49 and other A.A. entities (i.e. Intergroup) but will require permission from them to do so.

- ❖ Individuals currently holding service positions such as DCM, ADCM, Secretary, Treasurer, GSR or Intergroup Liaison are not required to submit identifying information or e-mail addresses to the website committee. A non identifying e-mail address is provided to the current District Officers by the web hosting service.
3. The Website will make no attempt to speak for A.A. as a whole. The Website's only function is to focus on A.A. within District 49 and serve as a public service to the AA fellowship & community.
 4. Copyrights and Registered Trademarks shall be respected and acknowledged.
 5. Information approved for display on the Website:
 - ❖ District meeting information: (Example) Scheduled time, location, and mailing address, and answering service telephone number.
 - ❖ District 49 Meeting Schedule
 - ❖ Central Office and Intergroup contact information: (Example) location and hours of operation.
 - ❖ Information regarding the A.A. program of recovery.
 - ❖ A.A. Event information
 - ❖ A.A. General Service functions.
 - ❖ Fellowship activities (roundups, speaker meetings, picnics, dances, camp-outs, etc.)
 - ❖ District Meeting Minutes void of individual last names, phone numbers, postal, and e-mail addresses.
 - ❖ District 49 Structure Manual
 - ❖ Links to web sites sponsored by bona fide A.A. service entities. Please Note: District 49 does not endorse these web sites, and our linking to their web site does not constitute their endorsement or approval of the District 49 Website. Permissible links to A.A. web site will include, but is not limited to the following:
 - A.A.W.S. (www.aa.org), commonly referred to as the G.S.O. web site,
 - The Grapevine (www.aagrapevine.org),
 - Other Areas and nearby Intergroups.
 - Neighboring districts, Area 59, and Central Offices.
- ❖ Recommendations on how to submit information for display on the Website. (contacts, format, etc.)
 - ❖ Website Guidelines.

Domain Name

1. The Web Site is registered with the domain name "district49aa.org".
2. The District Webmaster or Area 59 Webmaster shall be the administrative contact for the Website's domain name.
3. The District Webmaster is the billing contact for the Website's domain name.

Administration & Maintenance

1. Administration and maintenance of the website will be maintained by the Web Site committee within District 49 and the Area 59 Webmaster.
 - ❖ The right to access the registered domain and web hosting account will be limited to the District and Area 59 Webmaster. The District DCM and Secretary will have access to maintain and update the website.
2. The Website Committee has been given permission to decide the general structure and basic content of the Website. This permission was granted by a unanimous vote involving all eligible and available voting members of District 49 on February 11, 2011. Permission is to pursuant and is to be based on adhering to the spirit of A.A. and the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Home group, District, Intergroup flyers, information and other content will be added to the website upon request.

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