

1. Supply LACO with a completed group information form as soon as your meeting is established. Your group must be in existence for at least 90 days to be listed.

Spirit of Intent: To clarify. This is confusing if it is one part of the suggestion or the other. As soon as it is established, OR it must be in existence for 90 days? There is history of questions coming in about this to Central Office with the process of this is when to submit the form or this is when the meeting can be listed.

2. The only requirement for membership in your group is a desire to stop drinking.

Spirit of Intent: To provide context. We would like to reference the traditions specifically where ever we can as the guiding principles. (Tradition 3)

3. As a group you are fully self-supporting.

Spirit of Intent: To provide context. We would like to reference the traditions specifically where ever we can as the guiding principles.

It would also help to clarify about the autonomy aspect. "self supporting" is important to discourage distraction from primary purpose.

4. Your group's primary purpose is to help alcoholics recover through the Twelve Steps. From page 22 of the pamphlet *The A.A. Group*: 'The primary purpose of any A.A. group is to carry the A.A. message to alcoholics. Our A.A. group conscience, as voiced by the General Service Conference, has recommended that "family" meetings, "double trouble" and "alcohol and pill" meetings not be listed in our A.A. directories.'

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/p-16\\_theaagroup.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-16_theaagroup.pdf)

Spirit of Intent: Update the language so it is current. Looking to GSO and where they currently stand, with the understanding that we are autonomous, and able to discuss what does and does not prevent a meeting from their primary purpose. Maybe revisit the definition of what infringes on the primary purpose?

Keeping in mind Tradition 1 and 3 we want to be inclusive. Is there a way to track distinctions that are Immutable Characteristics and not necessarily outside issues.

5. As a group you have no outside affiliation.

Spirit of Intent: To provide context. We would like to reference the traditions specifically where ever we can as the guiding principles. (Tradition 6)

Also, This is kind of redundant of #4, we could combine 4 and 5 in a clear way that provides a better understanding and is current with our group conscious of today.

6. As a group you have no opinion on outside issues.

Spirit of Intent: To provide context. We would like to reference the traditions specifically where ever we can as the guiding principles. (Tradition 10)

Maybe providing examples of what an outside issue is... and how on a group level this is expressed.

7. As a group your public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion, and you maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, television and film.

Spirit of Intent: To provide context. We would like to reference the traditions specifically where ever we can as the guiding principles. (Tradition 11)

Perhaps the language needs to be updated. Do we add the internet? How do we delineate from private and public use of Internet.

8. Secretaries and officers must register with first and last name, home address, and phone number. Your meeting agrees to relist annually, each time new officers are elected, and anytime your meeting location or times change. This insures we have accurate information for our print and online directories and when our phone volunteers give out information.

Spirit of Intent: To update with our current needs.

Does this need to be separated out into unique items? Contact Info AND the agreement to update your listing information.

**NOTE:** As stipulated by the Central Service Committee, groups that do not meet these guidelines will not be listed and currently listed meetings found not in adherence will be removed.

Spirit of Intent: This may need to be discussed as we discuss the verification process.