



Alcoholics Anonymous

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Georgia District 16B

Website Policy



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Introduction

The Website Policy for District 16 Zone B of Area 16, (Georgia) is modeled on the policy developed by the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Board (MG-18 A.A. Guidelines on Internet), and adapted for District 16B:

- To provide accurate and consistent information about Alcoholics Anonymous to the public, media, students, professionals, current members and to the still-suffering alcoholic who wishes to know how to contact A.A. or to determine if his or her drinking is a problem.
- To facilitate the communication of services and activities provided by District 16B.
- To encourage participation of members, groups and committees in services and activities.
- To be vigilant in protecting the spirit of AA Tradition and not affiliating or linking our website to any non-AA entity.
- To provide a website solely for public information, merely a general service vehicle.
- Utilization of the Website is for the maximum benefit to the Fellowship, the still-suffering alcoholic, and the professional community.
- District 16B welcomes suggestions for changes to the Website.

Organization

Organizationally, the Website Team derives its authority and responsibility from District 16B as follows.

1) The District has a Website Team which is part of the Communications Committee and is responsible for the design and maintenance of District 16B's Website. This team is comprised of the Webmaster, an Assistant Webmaster, and any other members of Alcoholics Anonymous who care to serve. Only the Webmaster and Assistant may have access to the website, but all others are encouraged to participate in other ways consistent with their interests and abilities.

2) The Webmaster is appointed by the District Committee Member (D.C.M.) giving serious care and consideration to the recommendation of the Communications Committee Representative. This person serves as the chief Webmaster for the Site on an ongoing basis. The Webmaster holds primary authority

and responsibility for the oversight of the Website, subject to the needs of District 16B for adequate and effective public dissemination of information.

3) The Webmaster is responsible for the day-to-day management and implementation of District 16B policies, which shall include adherence to the Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, and guidance provided in the A.A. Service Manual. Individual G.S.R.'s will be responsible for group information in their respective groups.

4) **An Assistant Webmaster will be appointed by the D.C.M.** from candidates recommended by the Webmaster and Communications Committee Representative. The Assistant Webmaster shall also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and assist in the design and maintenance of the Website. This arrangement will provide Website integrity by allowing access to only two persons capable of correcting any mistake or unauthorized change to the Website. In this arrangement no one person can irrevocably alter the presentation of the message which this Website is intended to carry. This convention also will allow the delegation of responsibilities for administration and technical support for the project.

5) The current Webmaster will provide orientation to the new Webmaster when a new Webmaster is appointed, allowing for continuity of service.

Financial

It shall be the responsibility of the Communications Committee Representative to submit authorized expenses for the Website Team to the District Treasurer. The Website Team shall insure that nothing of value is received from any source outside the fellowship and service structure.

The District 16B Website shall be registered in the District's name as:

<https://athensaa.org>

For the sake of efficiency, the Webmaster shall be registered as the primary technical contact as well as the billing contact for the domain registration. Recurring bills will be paid automatically using District 16B's debit card as approved by the District Treasurer. The Communications Committee Representative will submit annual budgets reflecting these charges. In addition, The Communications Committee Representative will review charges annually with District 16B's Treasurer to ensure accuracy and prevent overcharging.