

## **Registering a Permanent Electronic Group (PEG) in Georgia**

### **Guidelines for Accepting PEGs into Georgia AFG**

At the September 17, 2023, Area Assembly business meeting, four motions concerning accepting permanent electronic groups (PEGs) into the Al-Anon Family Groups of Georgia (AFGG) Service Structure were voted on and approved. The motions were developed by members of the “Accepting Permanent Electronic Groups “PEGs” into Georgia AFG” Task Force committee. The motions had been amended and approved at the Area World Service Committee meeting on August 19, 2023. The motions are as follows:

- a) Accept PEGs into the AFGG Service Structure without any restrictions beyond those that apply to groups that meet in a physical location. A geographic district has the autonomy to decide if it will accept PEGs.
- b) Create a new Electronic Overlay District to accommodate PEGs that are not aligned with a geographic district.
- c) Allow Spanish speaking PEGs to be accepted into the Spanish Overlay District.
- d) Move to review these recommendations no later than December 2025.

**These motions now serve as guidelines for allowing PEGs to become part of Georgia Area 11.**

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These guidelines do not require the Current Mailing Address (CMA) or Group Representative (GR) of a group to reside in Georgia. However, the GR is expected to attend District meetings and the Area Assembly. (See the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* pages 144-146 for the Duties of Group Representative.)

Districts are also encouraged to establish expectations for trusted servants regarding service participation and how the District meetings will be held in upcoming months.

## **Steps for Registering a Permanent Electronic Group (PEG) in Georgia**

### **Step 1 - Area Decisions**

The Georgia Area Assembly on September 17, 2023, made the decision to accept permanent electronic groups (PEGs) into the AI-Anon Family Groups of Georgia (AFGG) service structure and approved Area guidelines for electronic groups. The Area Delegate informed WSO, which then notified AFG Group Records, of this decision.

### **Step 2 - District Decisions** (ongoing post Area decision)

- A District has the autonomy to decide whether or not it is willing to accept PEGs. (Tradition 4)
- The District Representative notifies the Area Group Records Coordinator (AGRC) by email once the decision has been made to welcome PEGs into the District.

### **Step 3 - Group Decisions** (ongoing post Area decision and as Districts complete Step 2)

- Now that Georgia accepts PEGs into the AFGG service structure, groups that are meeting temporarily electronically are encouraged to make decisions.
- Temporary electronic groups can work toward deciding if they will resume meeting in a physical location, begin meeting as a hybrid meeting, or change their location to a permanent electronic location.
- WSO policy for Areas currently accepting electronic groups is that any group still temporarily meeting electronically will need to start having the conversation about whether to return to in person meetings or to permanently become an electronic group, and to come to a group conscience decision in the next six to 12 months after the Area has made the decision to accept electronic groups.
- Groups that are currently meeting as hybrid groups (groups that are meeting at a physical location with an electronic component in the room) can remain hybrid without any group records or status change.
- The electronic meeting of a split group, or any group that is meeting electronically and not registered with WSO, can now be registered as a new PEG in Georgia.

**Once District and group decisions have been made, groups can move forward with submitting group records changes regarding an electronic location.**

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## Information for Registering a PEG in Georgia

**A PEG has two choices if it makes the decision to be registered in Georgia:**

- 1. Register in a geographic district in Georgia that accepts PEGs.**
- 2. Register in an Overlay District (Electronic or Spanish) in Georgia.**
  - A Temporary Electronic Group does not have to register as a new group; it's just a change in location.
  - The group must designate a city and zip code that **closely represents the local audience the meeting wants to attract when this change in location is made.**
  - The group may make the decision to remain in its historical District (where it was registered as a physical group) if that District accepts PEGs or change to a District that accepts PEGs.
  - **Just as is the case with a physical group requesting to change its District,** the District the group is changing to must approve acceptance of the group.
  - This change does not have to be approved by the Area Assembly since no District boundary line changes are involved.
  - The Electronic Overlay District is always an option. **The Electronic Overlay District accepts any PEG, so District approval is not necessary.**

## Process for Registering a PEG in Georgia

**Temporary electronic groups changing to a permanent electronic location:** The GR, CMA, or other designated member of the group informs the DR who then submits the Group Records Change Form located on the Group Records Updates page of [ga-al-anon.org](http://ga-al-anon.org). The meeting location information is changed from a physical location to an electronic location information. The group maintains its original WSO registration number.

### **New electronic Al-Anon group registrations:**

To become officially registered with WSO, an Al-Anon group must complete the [New Al-Anon Group Registration Form For Groups with an Electronic Meeting Location](#) form on [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org). (OR) inform the Area Group Records Coordinator to submit a new electronic group registration to the WSO.

### **Process for Global Electronic Meeting changing registration to Area 11:**

The process for changing a group to a new Area is outlined on p.162 of the *2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*. The [Electronic Group Area Transfer Request form](#) located on [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org) is used to facilitate the process.