

# Reasoning Things Out: In-Person, Electronic and Hybrid Meetings Using Our Resources

*SM = Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021*

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## **Relevant Traditions**

- 1: Common welfare
- 2: Group purpose
- 3: Membership
- 4: Autonomous, except in matters affecting another group, Al-Anon or AA as a whole
- 5: Primary purpose
- 7: Fully self-supporting
- 8: May create committees directly responsible...
- 11: Attraction rather than promotion
- 12: Anonymity and principles above personalities (SM, p. 15 & 16)

## **Relevant Concepts of Service**

- 4: Participation is the key to harmony
- 5: Ensuring minority voices are heard
- 9: Good personal leadership at all levels
- 10: Double-headed management avoided (SM, p. 17 & 18)

## **...and General Warranties of the Conference**

- (1) sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve
- (2) no member placed in unqualified authority over other members
- (3) all decisions reached by discussion, vote and whenever possible by unanimity (SM, p. 18)

## **Spiritual Principles to Remember**

- The guiding principles for business meetings are the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Service. (SM, p. 49)
- Three Obstacles to Success: discussions of religion, gossip, and dominance; “All Al-Anon discussions should be constructive, helpful, loving, and understanding.” (SM, p. 22)
- Presume Good Will: An Al-Anon saying that became more commonly accepted at the WSC (2003) and throughout the fellowship whenever there is disagreement: “Presume good will”.  
*Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31, p. 330)

## **Other take-aways**

- in working out what will work best for groups, it is very important that any dissension should be avoided. This is a super loaded issue and therefore it is of the utmost importance that you take your time, listen to everyone, and decide what’s best for the heart of your group.