



Al-Anon Family Groups

Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

**Transforming Electronic Groups
Project – Update for WSC Structure**

2023 World Service Conference



Transformation Powered by Worldwide Trusted Servants

Building Our Future by Understanding Our Past



Agenda



Creating a Global Electronic Meeting Search

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Global Electronic Meeting Search



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Friday Solutions and Serenity AFG Friday 11:45 am

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 861 0062 7773
Meeting Password: 519911
WSO ID: 30799345

[Families Friends and Observers Welcome](#) [Friday](#) [Zoom](#)

AFG Speaker Telephone Meeting Friday 12:00 pm

[Phone](#)

Al-Anon Speakers
Dial In Number: (712) 432-8773
Access Code: 86023
WSO ID: 30501642

[Families and Friends Only](#) [Friday](#) [Phone](#)

Daily Acceptance at Noon AFG Friday 12:00 pm

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 846 3989 3876
Meeting Password: 662438
WSO ID: 30774422

[Families and Friends Only](#) [Friday](#) [Zoom](#)

Daily Serenity for Women AFG Friday 12:00 pm

[Zoom](#)

Search

Days

[Sunday](#) [Monday](#) [Tuesday](#)
[Wednesday](#) [Thursday](#) [Friday](#)
[Saturday](#) [24/7](#)

Platforms

[Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App](#)
[Bulletin Board](#) [Chat Room](#)
[Discord](#) [Email](#)
[Free Conference Call](#) [Google Meet](#)
[Jitsi](#) [Phone](#) [Second Life](#)
[Skype](#) [Voxer](#) [WhatsApp](#)
[Zoom](#)

Attendees

[Adult Children](#) [Beginners](#)
[Families Friends and Observers Welcome](#)
[Families and Friends Only](#) [LGBTQIA+](#)
[Men](#) [Parents of Alcoholics](#)
[People of Color](#) [Women](#)
[Young Adults](#)

Meeting Language

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Timezone

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Creating the Vision for Electronic Groups in Geographic Areas



Geographic Electronic Group Vision

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Electronic Group Transfers
Online Electronic Group Registration & Change Forms

IN PROGRESS

Electronic Group Listing
Geographic Electronic Meeting Search

UP NEXT

Area Processing of Electronic Group Registration and Updates

DOWN THE ROAD

Hybrid Group Meeting Search
Next Generation Workflow for District Representatives and others



Electronic Group Transfers & Forms



Group Transfer Forms

Group Transfer from the GEA



Group Transfer to the GEA





Electronic Group Forms

Why the move to online forms only?

Online forms are convenient

Group changes are processed faster

Submitter receives confirmation email automatically

Required fields ensure accurate data



Takeaways: Completed Work

- ▶ Information to Share:
 - ▶ Global Electronic Meeting Search is now available!
 - ▶ Electronic groups can transfer to and from the GEA using available online forms
 - ▶ Electronic group registration and change forms can only be submitted online
 - ▶ In the future, group forms will only be available online
- ▶ Strategies to Explore:
 - ▶ How to support less technologically savvy group trusted servants



Pause for Questions

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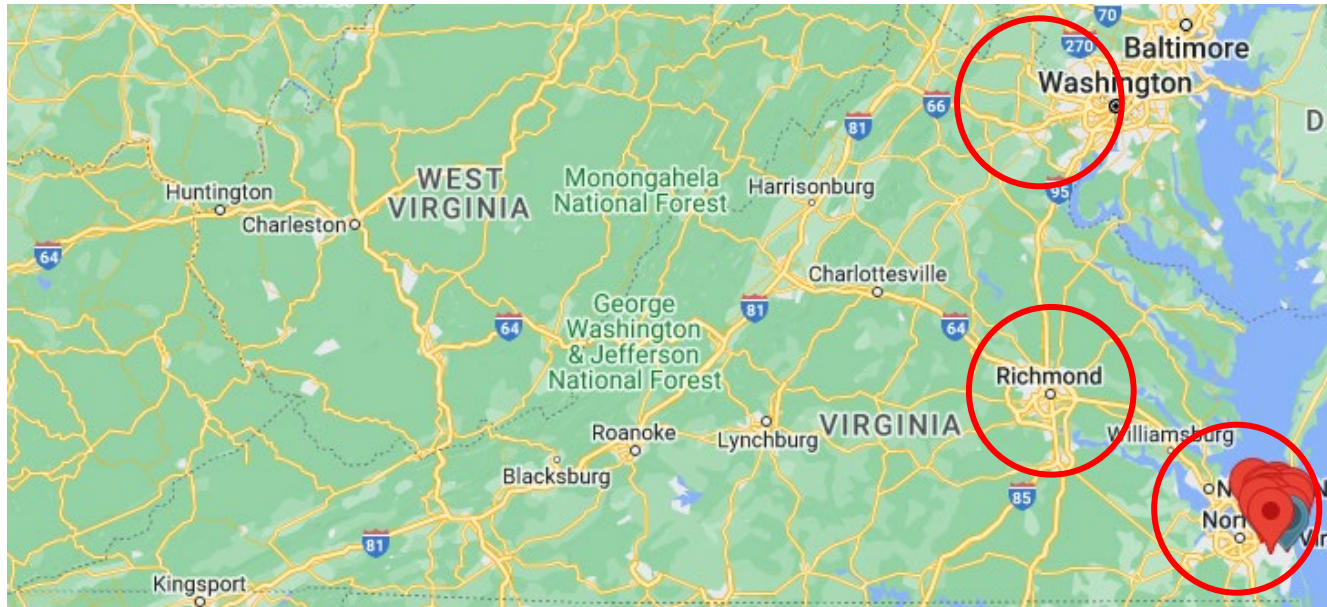
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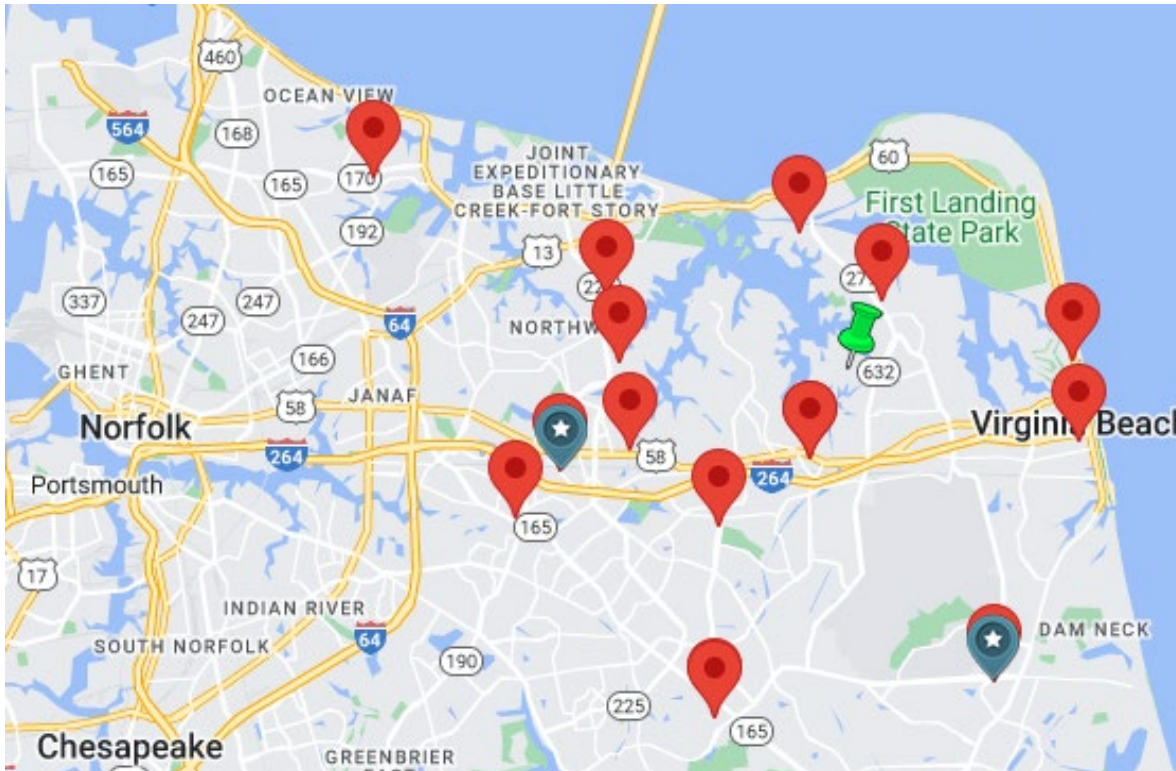
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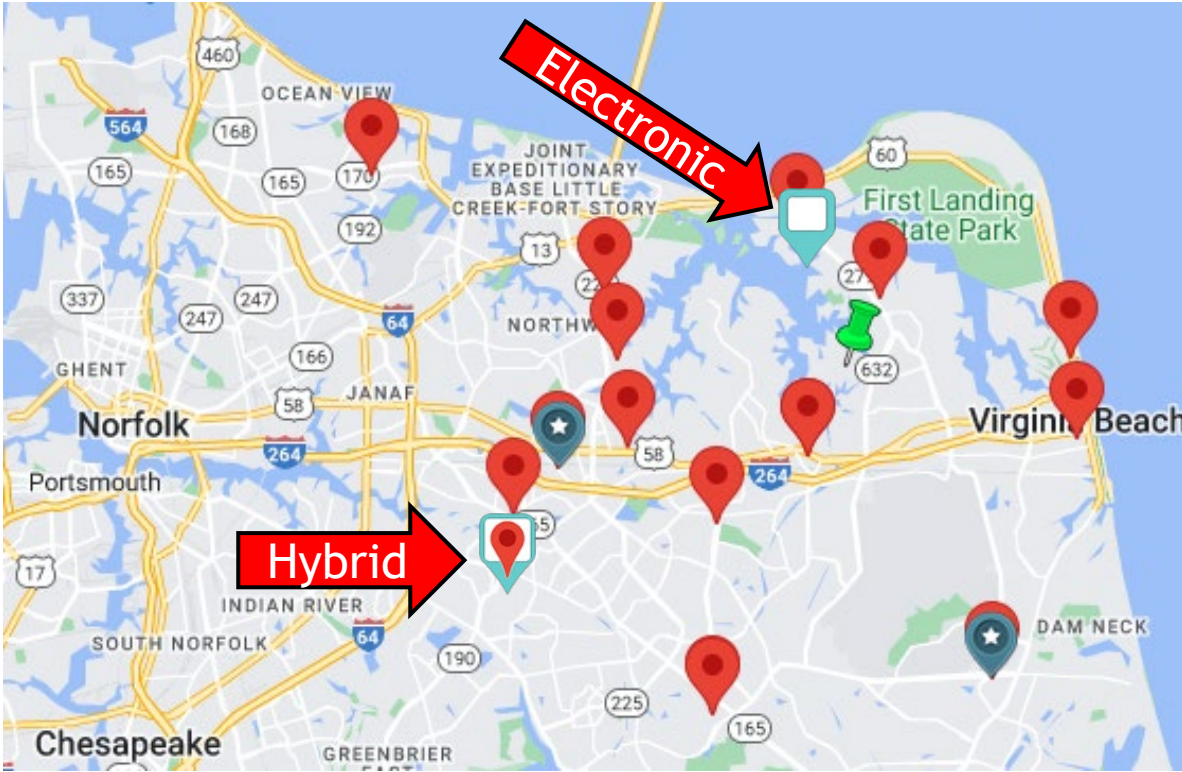
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Electronic Groups in Geographic Areas





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Electronic Groups in Geographic Areas

When do groups temporarily meeting online need to decide if they want to transition to being permanent electronic groups?



Takeaways: In-Progress Work

- ▶ Information to Share:
 - ▶ A MS Excel-compatible export of electronic groups registered with a geographic Area is being developed for the current Online Group Records application
 - ▶ Electronic groups registered with geographic Areas are currently not displayed on al-anon.org
 - ▶ WSO Staff are working now to evolve the Geographic Meeting Search to list these groups
- ▶ Strategies to Explore:
 - ▶ How to ensure groups temporarily meeting online have the correct location description information to ensure the newcomer finds the meeting



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Creating the Vision for the Next-Generation Group Records Application



[Contact AFG Records](#)

Version 4.11

Search for Al-Anon groups in Area 999_TEST 999_TEST

[Search Video](#)

Group ID Meeting City Zip/Postal Code District Status

Alerts
! [1 group reported not meeting](#)

[Show/Hide Reports](#)

[Reports Video](#)

Groups matching search criteria *[click on row to see group details] [click column heading to sort list]*

	ID	Group Name	Status	City	Zip	District	Reg Date
Details	30626348	Norfolk Steps And Traditions AFG	Active	Virginia Beach	22459	0006	10/9/2000
Details	30649603	Boyd Street AFG	Active	Virginia Beach	23457	0009	2/3/2015
Details	30666855	Monday PM Parents AFG	Inactive	Virginia Beach	23455	0008	
Details	30734516	Progress Not Perfection AFG	Reported Not Meeting	Virginia Beach	23456	0008	3/2/2020

Online Group Records (OGR) Application



Online Group Records Task Force



OGR Task Force



AGRCs

42/67 Areas (63%)
2+ Years Service

DRs

195/714 DRs (27%)
<2 Years Service



OGR Task Force

Response High Points

	AGRCs	DRs
Logged into the application	100%	67%
Responded OGR works well for their role	97%	84%



OGR Task Force

The Good News



Participating AGRCs and DRs prefer the OGR process to manage new group registrations and group changes to available alternatives



OGR Task Force

- ▶ Maintain simplicity
- ▶ Increase search options
- ▶ Provide electronic group support
- ▶ Offer flexible report filtering
- ▶ Notify DRs of group changes
- ▶ Streamline the new group registration workflow





OGR Task Force

- ▶ Utilize mainstream browsers, particularly Chrome and Safari
- ▶ Ensure the next-generation OGR workflow is mobile-friendly and Apple device-compatible



UP NEXT

Next Generation Group Records



Next Gen Group Records

First Release: AGRC New Electronic Group Registration Workflow

- ▶ Begin late 2023 to early 2024
- ▶ Provide consistent updates to WSC members re: timeline



Next Gen Group Records

- ▶ Purpose-built, read-only workflow for DRs
- ▶ Versatile reporting
- ▶ Read-only access to AISs and other trusted servants



Takeaways: Up Next & Down the Road Work

- ▶ Information to Share:
 - ▶ OGR application replacement is up next
 - ▶ AGRC electronic group workflow is first-up
 - ▶ Complete OGR replacement is still many years in the making
- ▶ Strategies to Explore:
 - ▶ How to familiarize AGRCs with existing WSO training videos in anticipation of future videos being supplied

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