

# **2017 Fall Assembly Motions to establish the fundamental relationship between Area 56 Assembly and the Convention**

The Convention/Area Relationship Task Force has been entrusted by the VT Assembly to study the issue of the relationship of the Convention to the Assembly and bring to you outcomes and information that we hope will lead to an informed group conscience on this important issue.

The Task Force is requesting a Yes or No vote on two motions:

- 1) a Convention mission statement as presented
- 2) adoption of the WSO convention guidelines

(The motions are printed on page 2 of this document.)

The result of these votes will give the Task Force the means to prepare appropriate recommendations based on the fellowship's group conscience.

**Your participation is needed. Please join the conversation. Reach out to Group Rep's and District Rep's. Discuss at District meetings and group conscience meetings. Task Force members are available to attend District or other meetings to discuss the proposed motions in depth. The Task Force welcomes all input. To contact the Task Force email at [taskforce@vermontanonateen.org](mailto:taskforce@vermontanonateen.org). Additional information is available on the Vermont Area website.**

## **Background/History:**

The VT Convention had been part of the Area 56 Assembly until 2006. The Convention was discontinued for several years. It was started up again in 2010 by a group of members as a separate concern, not organizationally or financially allied with the Area. Since then, the *relationship* between the Convention and the Area has not been well-defined.

The Convention/Area Relationship Task Force was formed based on a vote at the 2016 Fall Assembly. The Task Force is charged by the Assembly with examining the relationship of the Convention to the Area, and reporting and making recommendations to the Assembly. There is a distinct difference between this Task Force and the actual Convention Committee. The Convention Committee carries out the Convention planning and events.

## **Motion 1:**

A **Yes vote** on this motion to adopt the proposed mission statement indicates the desire of the Assembly to establish a direct relationship to the Convention and will allow the Task Force to continue working to clarify the nuts and bolts of how the Convention and Assembly will interact.

A **No vote** on this motion to adopt the proposed mission statement indicates the desire of the Assembly for a separate relationship from the Convention and will allow the Task Force to continue working to clarify the nuts and bolts of the Convention as a separate entity from the Assembly.

The mission statement that revealed itself to the Task Force is the same one found in the WSO Convention Guidelines (G-20) with the added feature of recognizing VT Area 56, to be read as follows:

*“The Vermont Area Convention, sponsored by the Area 56 Assembly, is an occasion for Al-Anon and Alateen members to gather for fun and fellowship, to celebrate their beginnings, enhance their understanding of the program, and to find ways to attract new members.”*

## **Motion 2:**

*The Vermont Area Assembly agrees to adopt the WSO Conventions Guidelines (G-20) as the foundation guideline for sponsoring a Vermont Area Convention.*

**Informational footnote to Motion 2:** Issues unique to Vermont will be defined by future work of the Task Force for approval by the Assembly at a later date.

**Motion 1 and Motion 2 were passed unanimously at the Fall Assembly (October 21, 2107).**