

What is Grand Rapids Al-Anon Information Service (AISgr)?

The Grand Rapids AIS, a service organization, is a non-profit corporation serving Districts 18, 20 and 34. These districts decided a cooperative effort to fund an AIS to provide important services for the Al-Anon Family Groups (AFG) would be more effective than each district doing so on their own.

1) Mission and Objectives:

- a) Cooperate with Groups and Districts in their effort to make the public aware of Al-Anon and Alateen being for relatives and friends of alcoholics/addicts.
- b) Act as a point of contact with Al-Anon and Alateen for the public.
- c) Serve as a "clearinghouse" for Groups and Districts activities and information.
- d) Serve as a communication center for Groups and Districts with respect to matters of local publicity, policy, and interest.
- e) Serve as a Literature Distribution Center.

2) Board:

Board members are the AIS Officers: Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer, also Committee Chair(s), District Information Service Liaisons, and Member(s)-at-large. The primary purpose of the board is to establish the policy for running the AIS, review proposals, oversee financial matters and oversight of volunteer staff.

3) Membership:

Members are the AFG Information Service Reps (ISRs) or Group Reps (GRs), AIS Officers, Chairpersons, and Associates.

4) Services provided by the AISgr:

- a) Website: aisgr.org
 - i) Meeting Schedule
 - ii) Events calendar
 - iii) Newcomer information
- b) Maintains a PO Box for donations and business mail
- c) Literature Distribution Center
 - i) Ordering literature.
 - ii) Accepting delivery of literature
 - iii) Accepting payments for and distribution of literature
- d) Phone Support: Volunteers take calls for newcomers and meeting information
- e) Hosting AISgr Events
 - i) Banquet
 - ii) Occasional Fellowship and Workshops i.e. Spring Into Al-Anon
- f) Conducts Board and Membership meetings for AISgr to report activities, financials and discuss future plans

5) Funding:

- a) AFG and Memorial donations
- b) Business is conducted via an all-volunteer staff