

Policy Committee Update

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The purpose of the update sent each quarter by the Chair of the Policy Committee is to provide information and report progress regarding the following:

- Topics discussed by the Policy Committee that are generated by the fellowship and need clarification or interpretation in light of the Tradition and Concepts
- Policy motions presented to the 2017 World Service Conference (WSC)
- Policy motions approved by the WSC

The following topics were discussed at the July 2017 Policy Committee meeting:

Group Autonomy: Tradition Four and Warranty Four discussion, which was started at the Open Policy meeting at the 2017 World Service Conference, continued.

Electronic Meetings discussion, started at the 2017 WSC Open Policy meeting, resulted in a thought force created to produce a KBDM for the July 2017 Policy Meeting. The Policy Committee reviewed the KBDM and after a discussion decided to create a work group that will explore ways to reach out to electronic meetings and find ways to allow them to fully participate in the fellowship.

“Open” and “Closed” Terminology discussion continued. The Policy Committee agreed, by consensus, to remove the term “Closed” from the Policy Digest. The Policy Committee decided to wait for the report back from the “Policy Digest Thought Force” in October 2017 before deciding on the next steps to take.

As always, members of AI-Anon are encouraged to submit questions or shared experiences to the Policy Committee for more interpretation according to our basic guides, i.e., the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Service. Consider how this issue might affect worldwide AI-Anon as a whole, remembering that AI-Anon policies are simply interpretations according to principles and not rigid rules.