

How To Get Your Meeting Listed in the Central Office Directory

This list is confidential and is furnished for the convenience of A.A.s in locating meetings. It is not to be used for any other purpose.

Groups listed in this meeting directory are registered at their own request, providing they have no other group affiliation, receive no outside support and intend to follow the suggested A.A. program for group operation.

A directory listing does not constitute or imply approval or endorsement of any group's approach to, or practice of, the traditional A.A. program.

The Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors set the following guidelines to list meetings in its directory:

1. The group should be in existence for 90 days or more. This may vary depending on location and how many people are already involved.
2. The meeting should be listed with the Central Intergroup of the Desert Office annually or as often as listing details change. Officer or secretary contacts must register with full name, home address and phone number changes.
3. All members of a group are alcoholics, and all alcoholics are eligible for membership.
4. As a group, they are fully self-supporting.
5. The group's primary purpose is to help alcoholics recover through the Twelve Steps.
*And from page 18 of the pamphlet - "The AA Group:"

The primary purpose of any A.A. group is to carry the A.A. message to alcoholics. Experience with alcohol is one thing all A.A. members have in common. It is misleading to hint or give the impression that A.A. solves other problems or knows what to do about addiction to drugs.

Our A.A. group conscience, as voiced by the General Service Conference, has recommended that "family" meetings, "double trouble" and "alcohol and pill" meetings not be listed in our A.A. directories."

6. As a group, they have no outside affiliation.
7. As a group, they have no opinion on outside issues.
8. As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion, and they maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, television, and film.
9. The Difference Between Open and Closed A.A. Meetings is clarified:
*from page 11 of the pamphlet – The A.A. Group

Closed meetings are for A.A. members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and "have a desire to stop drinking."

Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.