

**Voting Procedures**  
**INDIANA AREA AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS**

Every year in November the Indiana Area Assembly holds an election for either the Treasurer, Secretary, or the Delegate, Chairman, and Alternate Delegate/Chairman. The newly elected officer then assumes the duties of the office they are elected to the following January 1.

The Area Chairman should ask for nominations for the upcoming position(s) at the July and November Assemblies.

At the November Assembly the nominees need to be prepared to present a 2 minute service history including the number of continuous years of active recovery.

The Area Secretary is responsible for providing ballots, pencils, and a suitable medium for listing the nominees, recording votes, and presenting the name and address of the successful candidate.

**Secretary Election Years**

2024	2027	2030	2033	2036	2039	2042	2045	2048	2051
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**Treasurer Election Years**

2025	2028	2031	2034	2037	2040	2043	2046	2049	2052
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**Delegate, Alternate Delegate/Chairman, and Chairman**

2026	2029	2032	2035	2038	2041	2044	2047	2050	2053
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**Announce:** Only Group Representatives who are not also members of Alcoholics Anonymous are eligible to vote. Regardless of your personal feelings about eligibility we ask that you practice the personal honesty encouraged by both Al-Anon and AA.

Ask the Group Representatives (GR) present to stand and count off to establish the voting members and what constitutes a 2/3 majority. Election of an Area Officer requires a 2/3 majority.

**Before voting commences if there is more than one nominee:**

- Establish at least 3 non-voting ballot counters.
- In the event there are more than 2 nominees establish how many votes to take before asking the nominees with the fewest votes to withdraw after failing to reach a 2/3 majority.
- Establish how many votes, after asking nominees to withdraw, to take before going to the hat or simple majority.
- Establish which method will be used after reaching the established number of votes: either to draw from the hat or take a simple majority on the next vote.

**Before voting commences if there is only one nominee.**

- Establish whether the voting will be by ballot or show of hands.

**Voting process considerations**

- The nominee or nominees will always be asked to leave the room during the balloting.
- The Chairman will ask nominees to withdraw if necessary unless it is the election for the Chairman then an officer who is not a nominee will be the person to ask nominees to withdraw..
- The elected nominee will be congratulated as they re-enter the room.
- No member of the Area Assembly or guest should discuss the balloting process with the nominees or newly elected officer.