

Hello Friends in the Fellowship of A.A.

We hope you will continue reading this short letter and participate in the survey that follows.

We realize the past eighteen months of turmoil and change has had a great affect on the groups in ShiaCoaa (Shiawassee County A.A.), and as we start to return to what will be a new normal, we are seeking your advice and input. First, a little history:

ShiaCoaa (area 32 district 10) was formed in August, 2002 in response to a need for communication and cooperation between the groups in our district

ShiaCoaa is a service body within the General Service Conference structure of Alcoholics Anonymous and is listed in the appropriate directories published by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.® We are a service area within Area 32, Central Michigan Intra Area (CMIA).

District 10, as a geographic area, is roughly defined as the groups within Shiawassee County, Michigan with Owosso at the center. Our only goal is to help the groups in our District fulfill their primary purpose of helping other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

We endeavor to take on those tasks that should not fall upon a single group; compiling and printing updated meeting directories, maintaining an answering service hotline for the District, contacting media outlets and profesionals in the District with the AA message of recovery, maintaining our own District website and supporting on-line meetings hosted by groups and individual members in our District.

We act as a forum for your group to have it's voice heard in matters affecting AA, as a direct link to the General Service Conference Structure through the election of District Committee Members (DCM) and to provide

service opportunities for AA members in the District.

Each group represented at our District meetings has a vote in matters presented and in the election of District officers.

This district service body is solely funded by the membership of Alcoholics Anonymous through group contributions to ShiaCoaa. We accept no donations from outside entities or individuals. We serve at your discretion and direction.

More information at:

shiacoaa.org/about.html

shiacoaa.org/officersinfo.pdf

"This we owe to a.A.'s future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. Unity depends our lives, and the lives of those to come." _Declaration of Unity, Fifth International Convention, Miami, Fla. 1970

For ShiaCoaa

Bill D, Chairperson

Facts you should know:

You may call yourself an A.A. group if you meet for the purpose of sobriety and recovery from alcoholism (Trad 5). You don't have to be registered with GSO (General Service Office) to have voting representation at our District meetings nor does your representative need to be a GSR (General Service Representative). You may designate any group member providing they not represent any other group. Each group represented has a vote on matters presented and may make motions for consideration. We suggest that you register your group with GSO and elect a GSR, but it's not a requirement.

Presently we rotate our meetings around the district during the first week, Mon - Fri , of the month we meet with a hosting group that meets on the day of our meetings. Example: our last meeting was Friday, Sept 3 and was hosted by the Big Book Group at the alano club in Laingsburg; present that group meets on Friday. Prior to that we met on Thursday, July 8 hosted by the Thursday Night Gp in Durand and our next scheduled meeting is on Mon, Nov 1 and will be hosted by the Perry-Morrice Serenity gp. We schedule so as not to interfere with the host group regular meetings. During COVID shutdowns we conducted our meetings via Zoom.

Our present slate of officers are: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and District Committee Member (DCM). In the past we have had alternates for each of those positions, excepting DCM. as well as a Trustee and a PI/CPC Committee chair and alternate. We try to follow a spirit of rotation principle. Each officer serving a 2 year term then rotating out. At this time we have no secretary or chairperson. We have been doing "double duty" Our DCM acted as chair and our webmaster assumed secretary job at our last meeting. We need the participation of the groups within District 10 if we want to continue as an effective service body.

A commitment of one hour every two months (or less frequently depending on this survey) to have your group's voice heard. Your response to this survey is important and your non-response will be heard loud and clear also.

ShiaCoaa 2021 Survey

How important are these services to your group?

Directories	very	somewhat	not at all
Hotline	very	somewhat	not at all
Website	very	somewhat	not at all

Other:

Picnic	very	somewhat	not at all
Workshops	very	somewhat	not at all

If we had the participation to warrant forming other committees what would your group like to see at our district level? Give a number preference. 1 being absolutely necessary to 5 being no need whatsoever

PI/CPC (public information/cooperation with the professional community)

Literature (maintain and make available a supply of most used titles from AA World Services and the Grapevine.)

Other functions you would like to see carried out at the district level

How often should we hold our district meetings?

2 mos 3 mos 4 mos other:

Where

rotate in the district set date/location Zoom

***this survey is intended for group discussion. Please review it in your groups and after deliberation bring your input to our next District meeting in Morrice. You will find information and a printable version of this at shiacoa.org**

