About our Group

ORIGINS
AA&AO was founded in 2008 by rebels/visionaries Wally, Angela, Greg, and Chia, to serve as an alternative, inclusive environment for people of all types of belief and non-belief in AA. Jeff rode in on his court-mandated bicycle and the group had its first non-founding member.

We have grown and continue to serve as an oasis for atheists, agnostics, free thinkers and all others seeking sobriety within AA.

How We Operate

SERVICE
Our group has multiple service positions available. If you are interested in getting involved, please see the chairperson after the meeting.

SAFETY
Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. We ask attendees to refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person’s safety.

BUSINESS MEETINGS
Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month immediately following the regular meeting. Used to discuss matters affecting the group as a whole and to make decisions based upon our group conscience.

What “Higher Power” Means to Us

Our attendees have included deists, theists, atheists, agnostics, Buddhists, Wiccans, Christians, and those still active on their quest for a higher power.

We stress our common spiritual connection as humans, and remain secular. The door of AA is wide open. The concept of a higher power in AA does not require any particular system of belief.

Terms We Use

SPONSOR
An alcoholic with experience in the AA program of recovery who helps another alcoholic work the 12 steps, offering guidance and support on a continuous, individual basis.

12 STEPS
A series of actions, completed under the guidance of a sponsor, intended to serve as the basis of the AA program of recovery. Many of our members use alternative 12 steps that don’t use the word “God.”

12 TRADITIONS
Guidelines for how AA should function as an organization, how members and groups should interact, and generally-accepted standards of behavior.

GROUP CONSCIENCE
The general thoughts, decisions, knowledge, purpose and actions of the group. It is what the group considers as a whole to be correct, right, or morally good for the group and AA at large. The group conscience is derived from as many members of the group as possible, expressing the widest range of points of view on a subject, and allowing enough time for members to take information into consideration before any decision is made.
Online Meeting Schedule:
idahoarea18aa.org

If you have any questions, we encourage you to speak with any of our group members. We feel it is essential to make connections with others in the program.

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“Athists, Agnostics & All Others

“It must never be forgotten that the purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous is to sober up alcoholics. There is no religious or spiritual requirement for membership. No demands are made on anyone. An experience is offered which members may accept or reject. That is up to them.”

-Bill W.