



BC Yukon Area 79

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Committee

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MOTION

Motion: That Area 79 implements a fully virtual June quarterly meeting on a trial basis for a period of 2 years.

History or Current Practices: Historically and traditionally, AA has predominantly operated through in-person group sessions, gatherings, and events. This format has worked efficiently and created a sense of community necessary for recovery. However, with recent global developments and technological advancements, AA has also been adopting modern channels such as virtual meetings.

If passed: If passed, one quarterly per year will be switched to a fully virtual format. This move will not only respect the heritage of our traditional in-person gatherings but also cater to the contemporary needs of our members. It reflects the Third Tradition of AA - "The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking," by ensuring accessibility for all, irrespective of geographical barriers. The Second Concept of AA service emphasizes that "the group should have final responsibility and authority for AA's overall services" and this motion respects that authority. Additionally, it aligns with the Fifth Tradition, as our primary purpose is to help alcoholics who are unable to attend in person yet still wish to seek sobriety.

If not passed: Should this motion not pass, AA will continue conducting all its quarterlies in traditional in-person gathering formats. While this may uphold our time-honored traditions, we might miss a chance to reach out to people unable to participate regularly due to geographical constraints, health issues, or other personal reasons. This risks being out of step with the Eighth Concept, which promotes maximizing service to our fellowship.

For further consideration: We urge all members to discuss and consider this motion fully, keeping in mind our shared goal of carrying the AA message to alcoholics everywhere. We must balance the importance of preserving our traditions with the necessity of evolving to address the existing realities and needs of our fellowship. In this digital era, merging tradition with technology might help us not only preserve our principles but also expand our reach. We must remind ourselves of Tradition Seven - every AA group is fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions, including the flexibility to adapt to the needs of the group to ensure its survival. Looking at the cost of travel against the right of participation, the money saved on travel overall can be used for the primary purpose or AA as a whole in ways unknown at this time. Looking at the average attendance, July quarterly yields the lowest attendance consistently over each year of a term.

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Please ensure that the motion submitted to the Chair no later than 11:00am on Saturday. Thanks.