

# Al-Anon Family Groups - The Fellowship and Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. - The Organization

<b>Al-Anon Family Groups*</b> <b>The Fellowship</b>	<b>Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.</b> <b>The Organization /Corporation</b>
<b>Started in 1951</b> 1st WSC was in 1961**	<b>Came to be in 1954</b>
<b>Guiding Document...</b> Conference Charter 1967	<b>Guiding Document...</b> By-Laws
<b>Charter is...</b> "Informal agreement between all Al-Anon and its World Service Office." Recognized as the Spiritual arm	<b>By-Laws are...</b> Required legal document of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.
<b>Defines relationship between...</b> Al-Anon fellowship (traditional) and Board of Trustees (legal)	<b>Defines how...</b> Board of Trustees fulfills its purpose (as defined in Articles of Incorporation)
<b>Acknowledges...</b> Board of Trustees as legal authority and its ability to act as it deems appropriate	<b>Acknowledges...</b> World Service Conference as ultimate traditional authority
<b>Framework for...</b> World Service Conference activities	<b>Framework for...</b> Board of Trustees and World Service Office activities
<b>Powers are...</b> Traditional	<b>Powers are...</b> Legal
<b>Agreement is...</b> Informal	<b>Agreement is...</b> Formal
<b>Oriented to...</b> Fellowship	<b>Oriented to...</b> Corporation which handles the protection of our logo etc.
<b>Governance document for...</b> World Service Conference is the Conference Charter/Amendable by World Service Conference	<b>Governance document for...</b> World Service Office and Board of Trustees are the By-Laws/Amendable by Board of Trustees

**Notes**

\* Al-Anon Family Groups do not exist in the law now or when we started in 1951.

\*\* The first WSC in 1961 was made up of Delegates representing the three largest Areas in each of the three existing Regions at the time: East, West and Canada.

In 1969 Lois formed a committee to adopt the Concepts of AA. They chose not to follow AA in the service structure or term of delegate.