

## Framing the Topic

Framing provides background history, relevance (why we're discussing the topic), and context (how it fits current circumstances) to a topic which brings clarity, focus, and perspective when presenting the topic to the group.

### General Guidelines for filling out this worksheet:

- Avoid drawing any conclusions. Set the background so the conclusion can come from the discussion.
- Consider personal thoughts or experiences if they assist in clarifying, lending credibility, or illustrating a point. Please keep it simple and consider the Al-Anon Legacies.

### Framing the Topic Worksheet

1. Create a title for your topic. It can be questions or a statement that needs clarification.

**Topic for discussion:**

Donate a basket to the AFG Convention using our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds.

2. Summarize why you brought this topic or question forward to the group. Provide relevance and context. Why are we having this discussion now? Why is this discussion important?

**Summary:**

The AFG Convention organizers have asked Groups to contribute baskets, which members "bid" on at the Convention. The income helps our convention pay for its expenses. There is a deadline for contributing baskets.

3. Include any available background information on the topic. Sources could include, but are not limited to our *Al-Anon Service Manual*, group conscience archives, Conference Approved Literature.

**Historical background information:**

This is "our" Al-Anon Convention in Southern California. We have ample 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds - enough to send generous contributions to our service arms on a regular basis. Tradition Four: "Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or AA as a whole." This decision only affects our group, so we have the autonomy to use our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds to support our convention.

Complete and return to the Secretary/Group Conscience Steward. Complete and give to the Secretary 2 weeks before the group conscience.

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