

Dallas Intergroup Association  
Board of Trustees  
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Dear Intergroup Representative,

As Alcoholics Anonymous has been able to adjust to the changing times, we continue to be the service fellowship best suited to carry the AA message.

But as past experience has taught us, affiliation with outside institutions and organizations places the welfare of our member groups in the hands of people outside of AA.

In the very near future, a series of state and county prison budget shortfalls will compound an already serious overcrowding problem. The solution to this problem is and will continue to be; early release, probation, parole, community service hours, mandatory AA attendance, rehabilitation programs, restitution and various other alternative sentences to relieve the overcrowded system.

Alcoholics Anonymous' gradual acceptance of the policy to monitor attendance of court sentenced persons by signing papers that list names (closed meeting chairpersons, open meeting speakers), phone numbers, dates, time, what was discussed (topic), etc., is a growing concern. Being "sentenced" to AA and having attendance recorded is a policy of the judicial system and not the Alcoholics Anonymous group. Herein lies our concern.

- A. AFFILIATION - Our outside support of legal institutions, treatment centers, therapists and psychiatric professionals.
- B. CLOSED AA MEETINGS - The confusion and disruption of non-members attending a meeting where regular members were anticipating being able to go to a closed meeting.
- C. ANONYMITY - Traditions and personal anonymity, what was said, who was there, the AA unity and the increase of numbers under forced attendance.

Without a summary of Traditions conflicts but with real need to have each group discuss these concerns in group conscience, the Board of Trustees is submitting to your group these topics for action and possible solutions:

- A. Sign no more papers, forms, documents or written demands from recovery industry, judicial system, treatment centers, hospitals, etc.
- B. Sign papers in open meetings only.