

Important Announcements to the Missouri Area Groups and Round Robin Subscribers

Based on motions passed at the May Assembly the following changes have been made to how the Round Robin will be published and distributed for a six-month trial period.

- The Round Robin will no longer be mailed to the groups and subscribers via bulk mailing.
- The Round Robin will be posted on the Missouri Area Website: www.missouri-al-anon.org on the first of each month starting in June, behind a password protected page. Articles should be submitted by the 15th of the previous month.
- Details on how to access this page are outlined below. You will need a password from your GR or DR if you don't have it.

As you may have noticed, you have not received the Round Robin, the Missouri Area Newsletter, in the mail. Decisions were made by the Group Representatives at the May Assembly to address this issue. Please read this notification in your group meetings or email it to your group members to insure all Missouri Area Members have been informed of these changes. This notification will also be emailed and mailed to each Current Mailing Address of all the groups to insure all groups have been informed.

What Happened to make these changes necessary?

Leading up to Assembly, Cheri H., Round Robin Editor, experienced issues with the United States Post Office and the Missouri Area's bulk mailing rights were rescinded. The only option was to pay the post office an additional \$250.00 to mail the May issue. This \$250.00 would not have reinstated our bulk mailing rights and the Missouri Area would have been forced to pay additional fees. Cheri elected to pick up the Round Robin from the Post office rather than pay those charges. The May Issue of the Round Robin was then distributed at May Assembly. Cheri informed the Assembly and requested the GRs' help in deciding how to move forward.

When and how were these changes made?

After Cheri's request for help the following decisions were made by a vote of the Group Representatives. Below are the motions as they will appear in the May Assembly minutes:

- ***MOTION 4:** This Missouri area approves the creation and use of a password protected page on the Missouri Area website.
Moved: Sarah S Seconded: Jill F Passed
- ***MOTION 5:** For a trial period until November 2018 Assembly we will post the Missouri Area Round Robin on the website behind the password protected page.
Moved: Sarah S Seconded: Michael C Passed

How can I access the Round Robin?

- Go to www.missouri-al-anon.org
- Select "**For Members**" on the home page
- A drop-down box will appear; select "**Members Information**" and then select "**Round Robin Newsletter**".
- When you click on "**Round Robin Newsletter**" a password will be requested
- You will need a **password**. If you do not know the password, contact your Group Rep or District Rep.
- **PLEASE NOTE-this password should be shared only with members - do not publish this in any public forums.**

Why a password protected page?

The Round Robin includes information that would break members' anonymity. By creating the password protected page all this information is protected from the public. (See page 101 of the service manual.) **It is very important to share this password with Missouri Area Al-Anon Members and other Round Robin Subscribers ONLY.**

What happens after the six-month trial period?

This will be discussed at the August Area World Service Committee Meeting and at November Assembly. No further decision will be made until November Assembly when the Group Representatives can be part of that decision.

What if I have questions or concerns not addressed in this Announcement?

All question and concerns should be directed to:

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