

How to Start an A.A. Meeting

"Reasons for starting a new group vary, but the ways to go about it are basically the same.

Important to establishing an A.A. group is the need for one as expressed by at least two or three alcoholics; the cooperation of other A.A. members; a meeting place; a coffee pot; A.A. literature and meeting lists; and other supplies." from The AA Group pamphlet P-16

Central Office cannot start new meetings.

Only an alcoholic (or two or three) can start a new meeting, once the *need* for a new meeting has been established.

This is also true of Alano Clubs and Treatment Facilities. The Board or Officers of an Alano Club or staff of a Treatment Facility cannot start a new meeting.

Additionally, Tradition Four states that "All meetings are autonomous except in matters affecting other meetings or A.A. as a whole."

For more information on A.A. Groups, please see the pamphlet [The A.A. Group \(P-16\)](#) in its entirety.

For more information on listing new meetings, please see [Guidelines to Listing New Meetings](#)