



# WI ASSOCIATION OF 12 STEP CLUBS



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## WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

**The purpose of the Wisconsin Association of 12 Step Clubs is to promote the interests and effectiveness of 12 Step Clubs in Wisconsin by developing leadership to strengthen clubs' organizational capacity, by providing access to resources and best practices, by increasing communication and networking among clubs, and by encouraging information sharing and collaboration.**

**The Association was formed in 2008 and has been training club leaders since 2004. We were granted 501(C)(3) status in 2012. Our board is operated by volunteers.**

**12 Step Clubs, Alano Clubs, and Alano Societies are governed by a board of directors elected from each clubs' membership. Often the directors have little or no experience. Due to term limits and other rules, there is a constant inflow of new directors to benefit from our Associations guidance, resources, and training conferences.**

**There are over 60 Twelve Step Clubs within Wisconsin, of which 32 are currently members of the Association. All of these clubs:**

- **Provide an anonymous, safe place for people interested in recovery from addiction or directly affected by addiction to gather, seek support and have fun.**
- **Provide rooms for 12 step meetings for members in recovery (Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Narcotics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous etc.)**
- **Generate income from membership dues, collecting rent from the groups that meet there, counter sales of food, soda, coffee, grants and donations.**
- **With 60 clubs statewide serving an average of 200 people each week, Wisconsin 12 Step Clubs are serving 48,000 people a month or 576,000 people per year.**

**Our association operates on funding from dues, grants, donations and fund raising.**

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