

GUIDELINES FOR STARTING A NEW MEETING AT DAKOTA ALANO

1. Preparation by the group wishing to start a new meeting.
 - a. It is suggested you get a group of 3-6 individuals for the new group willing to attend regularly for the first 4-6 months. If you can get a few regular Dakota Alano members to commit to attend the meeting as it is getting started, it will improve your chances of acceptance by the Board.
 - b. Investigate available times and have one or two acceptable times that do not conflict with other meetings in the house or rules of operation listed in the lease. (The lease is posted on the Dakota Alano website at the bottom of the Alano Board page.)
 - c. Have a group conscience meeting with your starting group members to determine what your meeting type will be: Step, Topic, Big Book, or something else. The more prepared you sound, the better the chance your meeting will be approved by the Board quickly.
 - d. Attend the next Dakota Alano Board meeting and present your request in a detailed and professional manner. If you can bring all of your initial members with, you it will help your cause. You can put a note in the Board mail box or talk to a Board member to get on the agenda, or bring it up during questions by squad leaders and guests.

2. The Board of Directors will listen to the request and consider whether it is viable.
 - a. If they need more information, they will ask the group to come with more information at the next meeting.
 - b. If the new group is approved, the Board will determine if a probationary period will be necessary prior to publishing the group's information on the DAS website, and with the St. Paul/Minneapolis Intergroups.
 - c. No new meetings may be held at the Dakota Alano House until final Board approval is obtained.

Dakota Alano Society Hours of Operation

The House as well as the parking lot will not be occupied by any group or any person between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Monday thru Saturday, as well as, the additional hours of 6:00 a.m. thru 12:30 p.m. on Sunday as the church needs the parking space.