

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD SERVICE AREA SUGGESTED GUIDELINES TO DIVIDE A DISTRICT

Reasons to divide a District:

Geographical barriers, and long distances between Groups, too many Groups, to provide the opportunity for better communication and representation to the Area Committee from the Districts, and to the Area Assembly from the Groups. A large District which is functioning well, need not be divided.

How it is initiated:

On the basis of Concept I and the continuing experience of the fellowship as a whole. a group, a District, or the Area Committee may suggest that the District consider the feasibility and advisability of dividing (See NCWSA Bylaws, page 19).

How it is done:

1. The District Representative chairs a Special District Meeting to discuss it. It is helpful to have a map of the District showing the location of all Groups. It is suggested that every effort be made to contact all groups in the district regarding the matter and they be given ample time to consider the proposed division.
2. After discussion of all the attending Group Representatives, a line may be drawn to divide the District, taking care to assure an acceptable, balanced number of Groups on either side.
3. After more discussion a vote is taken by written ballot (optional) of all Group Representatives present to approve the plan to divide.
4. Upon approval the District Representative takes the approved plan, and a list of all the Groups in the proposed new District to the Northern California World Service Committee for approval.
5. When the Area Committee approves the plan, the matter is taken to the Area Assembly for approval.
6. This Procedure is suggested only. If a District has Procedural Guidelines that differ. that Procedure may be followed.
7. When the Area assembly approves the division plan for the District, the new District elects a new District Representative, Officers and Coordinators as suggested in the **SERVICE MANUAL** and the Northern California World Service Area By-laws, and begins to function as a District using the District Number assigned by the Area Committee.

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