

Returning from a Timeout

Any National who has completed a timeout period and is asking to return to The General Assembly must have completed the following:

- Review the Orientation PowerPoints
- Study and comprehend “How to Build an Assembly”
- Study, adhere to and practice The Maine Assembly “Rules of Decorum”
- Study and adhere to The Maine Assembly “Reconciliation Process”
- Read and comprehend Article #3374
- Practice “Do no harm, be peaceful and be non-combatant”
- Practice and adhere to all that is in the Handbook
- Provide an autographed, written explanation of what occurred to earn a timeout and a letter of apology. The document must contain the following: explanation of reasons for their past behavior including behavior while on the timeout, reasons for returning, how they will conduct themselves moving forward, and any restitution required. The documents will be sent to the Coordinator to be presented for discussion at the next General Assembly meeting where a vote will determine the next steps.

If an ASC and you want to re-establish yourself as an ASC, you would need to reaffirm your American State Citizen commitment by autographing another Maine Assembly Member Agreement witnessed by two American State Citizens.

Coordinators/Co-Coordiators

Anyone who wishes to bring themselves forward as a coordinator or co-coordinator must disclose their reasons and qualifications for the job to The General Assembly. After discussion, they can be nominated. The nomination is voted upon, and if approved, they will be vetted by the Vetting Committee. The Vetting Committee will then bring forth a recommendation at the next General Assembly meeting. The General Assembly will then vote to determine the outcome.

American State Citizens (ASCs)

We remain American State Nationals until the age of 21, when we can choose to act as State Citizens. The word “citizen” always implies an obligation to serve some level or form of government, and it is no exception here. When we are old enough to accept the responsibility and understand the obligations involved, we become eligible to act as Citizens of our State of the Union.

To affirm your American State Citizen commitment, you need to autograph a Maine Assembly Member Agreement form witnessed by two American State Citizens.

ASCs are People who have accepted a responsibility to surrender some of their sovereignty to serve in the capacity of an elected or appointed public office within one of the four pillars of the State Assembly. Given the nature of this work, until all four pillars are fully stood up and offices once vacant are occupied, any necessary office not occupied is the responsibility of the Coordinator until the role is appropriately filled. Until fully stood up, The Assembly follows the instructions of the Federation either directly or through the state coordinator.

An ASC must be free to make decisions impacting their State and its international relations with other States and Nations with a clear mind and open conscience, unaffected by mixed loyalties to any other government. To avoid conflicts of interest which might undermine our security, ASCs are People having no other allegiance to or affiliation with any foreign State or Nation. Such conflicts of interest may include being licensed by a foreign government, receiving titles and offices from foreign governments, being employed by foreign governments, receiving unearned welfare benefits or other substantial gifts or emoluments from foreign governments.

All ASCs need to be properly declared as such with their State Assembly, be in honor and good standing, and either available for or holding an elected or appointed position. Those who waiver from this obligation or avoid the duties of the position can be removed through the Assembly process.

For Answers to Questions

As self-governing women and men:

1. Do your best to fully research Anna's articles, websites, Orientation PowerPoints, etc. to find answers.
2. If unable to find the answer, email the appropriate committee/individual.
3. If unable to find the answer, email the Coordinator as final recourse.
4. The Coordinator will determine appropriate action to find the answer.

The Coordinator is the liaison between The Maine Assembly and the Federation. It is essential to follow this protocol rather than directly contacting Anna or other Federation staff.

General Assembly New Business Agenda Items/Issues

When an ASN/ASC/Committee has an item/issue to bring forth for discussion and is relevant to reconstruction of our Assembly, the ASN/ASC/Committee needs to

1. Email the item/issue to the Coordinator and Facilitator.
2. The Coordinator and Facilitator will determine if the item/issue is relevant to reconstruction, and if so, it will be added to "New Business" on the agenda. If it is not relevant, they will respond to the ASN/ASC/Committee advising appropriate action.
3. Be fully prepared to support your position and the reasons why it is being brought forth for discussion at a General Assembly meeting.
4. If the ASN/ASC/Committee is not present to discuss their item/issue, it will be deleted from the agenda. The ASN/ASC/Committee will need to resubmit the item/issue for the following month's agenda.