

Why We Form Committees

The most important reason:

Because being a “worker among workers” helps us to keep our ego in check and advances the concept of humility:

“... anonymity is real humility at work. It is an all-pervading spiritual quality which today keynotes A.A. life everywhere. Moved by the spirit of anonymity, we try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as A.A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public. As we lay aside these very human aspirations, we believe that each of us takes part the weaving of a protective mantle which covers our whole Society and under which we may grow and work in unity.”

-- Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.187

Another important reason:

Because we can accomplish more of the crucial work of carrying the A.A. message through committees rather than individually; there truly is strength in numbers, even if the committee is small.

And:

Because working within a committee provides us with a more cohesive way to carry the message, allowing us to present a unified and cohesive face to those members of the public we want to attract to our Fellowship. Keeping Tradition 9 in mind:

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”