P55 - Task Force Topic: Turnover Meeting Guidelines

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Background/Historical Info: Area 9 has traditionally had a "Turnover Meeting" after elections which constituted a kind of "official AWSC" meeting requiring/requesting all members of the old and new panel to gather in a single place and turn over their job to the next trusted servant. This has become quite an expensive and difficult event to coordinate, costing the Area over $3,000.

Thought Force references (if any): Please review the Thought Force data on the website and use as a reference. You may also use the Service Manual, and your own personal experience to address the needs of the Area and the changes in Technology.

Financial Impact: Currently costing the Area around $3,000 and creating an additional meeting during the final year of a panel.

Charge: Assess the need for changes to our Turnover Process. Be creative and take into consideration the new technologies that are available. Do all members need to attend? Does it need to be an "official/unofficial" AWSC meeting? What about individuals making their own arrangements and allowing for a travel fund? What could be done online?

Task Force Timeline: You can also use FreeConferenceCall.Com and Google Docs to create and work on a document together, and to talk things over together.

Contact Roger or Cindy to help you learn how to use these tools.

REPORT DUE: JULY 1ST

Fill out this form and submit to the Technology Coordinator by July 15, 2015.

Create a new proposal for the AWSC panel to discuss. This could be a new Guideline for the Turnover Meeting, or a proposal for a totally new way to make this transition. This separate document should be submitted to the Technology Coordinator by July 15, 2015.

Even if the proposal is "keep talking" or "continue gathering information" please submit by July 15.

KBDM Questions from Thought Force (if any):

What do we wish we knew, but don't? Use the Guidelines, the Thought Force data and the Service Manual.   There was no Thought Force to draw from; however, the members of the Task Force asked these questions:

Why did the Turnover start in the first place?

Does any Area other than Florida North hold a Turnover meeting?

Were previous meetings well attended?

Task Force Summary / Findings:

- ● **The Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2014-2017 was scoured and no mention of a Turnover Meeting was located**
- ● **A still-active Past Delegate was consulted for historical data with no results**
- ● **Earliest Minutes of Florida North were accessed by the Task Force chair for additional historical input - no pertinent information was located in the first Minutes - it was called an Area World Service Committee Meeting and a holiday gift exchange was incorporated.**
- ● **With today's technology and travel options, this type of meeting is obsolete.**

Task Force Recommendation(s):

- ● **Individual Districts can host DR and AISL transition for their specific District.**
- ● **The Turnover could be incorporated into the final Election Assembly of the Panel. In theory, all expected meeting attendees are already in one place.**
- ● **Suggesting Incoming and Outgoing Officers and Coordinators plan on getting together on Sunday to plan their next step(s).**