

## **AFG Area 9 Panel 55 Group Records/Registration Coordinator Report AWSC August 2016**

### **New Group Status Category: “REPORTED NOT MEETING”:**

World Service has had an increasing number of reports by New Comers and Members referred to Meetings all over the world, that no one was present when they arrived. This new status flags the Group’s record in the WSO database, so that it can be temporarily removed from web and phone referral lines until the issue is resolved. I’ve informed the District Group Records Chairs and will report on this again at Assembly.

It’s vital that accurate meeting information is provided to anyone seeking Al-Anon’s help, so WSO is asking that Groups notify them, as well as their District, right away if it is no longer meeting or has had a location change. If a group has had no changes, it’s suggested that adequate signage could be provided around and inside buildings so meetings can be easily found. Also, if a meeting is canceled temporarily for any reason, a note on the door is strongly recommended.

WSO has made the time limit for resolving this issue quite short: Once a Group is flagged with this status, World Service contacts the Group immediately. But if there’s no response within 3 days, they contact me, so that I can try to find out from the District Group Records Chairperson if the Group is still meeting or not. If I can’t verify the Group’s status within 30 days, WSO contacts the District Representative or Area Delegate. I’m not certain what happens if there’s no resolution after that, but I assume that no referrals will be made, indefinitely, to any meetings with this status. We currently have just 3 meetings, which are REPORTED NOT MEETING.

### **North Florida AFG Area 9 General Group Information:**

ACTIVE Groups	<b>378</b>
INACTIVE/MARKED FOR DELETION	<b><u>183</u></b>
Total Number Groups in our Area	<b>561</b>

Of the **378 ACTIVE** Groups in our Area, 16 have been removed from World Service Office web and telephone referral lines, due to **NO MAIL (13) or REPORTED NOT MEETING (3)** status. And of the **362 ACTIVE** Groups that are on the WSO web and telephone referral lines, **22 have “BOUNCED EMAIL”**, which means these groups are not getting their WSO monthly E-newsletter.

Recently, I sent out an email notice to all the District Group Records Chair people, informing them of any meetings in their District with the status of “NO MAIL”, “REPORTED NOT MEETING, and/or “BOUNCED EMAIL”. In order to try and clear up these issues more quickly than I have done in the past, I’m planning on doing this again and hopefully about once a month from now on.