

Task Force Topic: Corporation Task Force

Task Force Members: Chair: Elizabeth W (D7), Members: Lucy M (D4), Cindy J (D1), Jill O (D9), Doris M (D13)

Background/Historical Info: AFG Area 9 has created a corporation (NFA AFG, Inc) to carry out various business tasks on behalf of the Area. The By Laws were created by the attorney who set up the Corporation and have never been fully reviewed and revised by Al-Anon members at the Area.

Thought Force references (if any): Please review the letter from Rick B on incorporating, and use the Service Manual as well as the current By Laws of the Corporation.

Charge: Review the By Laws of the Corporation and the Job Descriptions of the Area and the working of our Service Structure and make recommendations for updates, revisions or changes that will make this corporation more fully a part of our service structure, and that are in line with our Spiritual Principles.

Task Force Timeline:

Please meet (via Conference Call and/or Google Hangout) and use whatever technology works for all of you.

Focus on the Charge. Complete the task as best you can, and submit this form as your Task Force Report. You can do this by sending it to the Technology Coordinator who will post it on the website.

Please submit progress reports at our next two AWSC meetings. It is hoped that final revisions can be submitted for approval at AWSC February 2017. Submit that to the Technology Coordinator as your Task Force Proposal.

The Task Force does not need to submit a proposal until it is finished. It may, however, like to have the By-Laws posted on the website for the membership to have access. Any other aspects of the Task Force work that you would like member input on, please use surveys and Thought Force forms that can become part of the documented process.

KBDM Questions from Thought Force: In this section make note of membership input that you used in your process.

Participating in the discussion and editing of an AFG Area 9 - Florida North Area Charter during February 2016 AWSC was helpful to the Task Force.

Task Force Summary / Findings:

Documents available to the Task Force: "Task Force Topic: By-Laws Task Force" (name of Task Force changed by Area Chairperson to "Corporation Task Force"), Memo dated August 7, 2015 from Ric Buchanan, then Executive Director - "Draft By-Laws for Incorporation," "Sample By-Laws of Al-Anon Family Groups or Al-Anon

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Information Services,” dated 8/4/15; “Articles of Incorporation of North Florida Area Assembly, AFG, Inc,” “North Florida Area Assembly, AFG, Inc. Conflict of Interest Policy,” “Resolution Number 1,” “Area 9 - Florida North Area Service Structure Document for Task Forces,” “Bylaws of North Florida Area Assembly, AFG, Inc.”

Task Force Timeline: *Members of the Task Force met by conference calls and worked together and individually on shared documents from November 2015 through June 2016.*

Task Force Process Summary:

- 1. Using the “Area 9 - Florida North Area Service Structure Document for Task Forces” we sought clarity in the difference between NFA, AFG, Inc., the corporation and the Area 9 - Florida North Assembly, the fellowship.*
- 2. NFA AFG, Inc. has By-Laws, created by an Attorney and in place with the State of Florida.*
- 3. Utilizing a shared document of the current By-Laws, we discussed the entire document within the context of our spiritual principles as guidance for the direction of the By-Laws.*

Task Force Findings: *As the By-Laws of the Corporation are a legal document, the structure and much of the language found within are required to be stated as is. The Task Force is suggesting some changes to the language be made in order to bring the By-Laws of the Corporation more wholly and clearly into the service structure of Area 9 - North Florida and Al-Anon Family Groups.*

Task Force Recommendation:

Proposed By-Laws of NFA AFG, Inc. - We recommend that the Board of Directors of NFA AFG, Inc. adopt the Task Force suggested language changes, and look into possibly adding some members of the Area to the Board for a greater group conscience opportunity.