



AWSC - February 2015 Web Coordinator - Roger D

It is with much gratitude and faith that I accept the responsibility of this position and hope that my service will be of value to the members of Area 9 and that it follows my HP will for me, one day at a time.

I first want to thank our Panel 52 web coordinator Shelly, for all the hard work and service she provided to our district over the last 3 years. Her service was instrumental in helping area 9 transition into utilizing current technology and processes. In this spirit I hope to continue with using current technology to make our area communication to be more inclusive and easier for everyone to use.

It is in line with the principle of our slogan "Keep it Simple" that I have reduced the content of the website down to the basics of items needed for Area 9 members. To reduce duplication of effort, we plan to provide only WSO information specific to our Area 9 needs on our website, and to continue with providing links to each District for District specific information such as meeting schedules.

A website committee was formed December 2014 and work started on Panel 55 technology including email and website. Our committee currently comprises of myself, two members from my local District 12, and our previous web coordinator. I am hoping to have our first committee meeting between AWSC and Assembly this spring.

The new domain name of AFGArea9.org was registered and webhosting setup for the website and member database. As per the WSO recommendations, we setup an anonymous email system using the AFGArea9.org domain name. Our email and document collaboration is hosted by google for no cost. Being a not-for-profit 501-C organization we qualify for their free program.

All Panel 55 officers, coordinators, event chairs, past delegates, trustees, district Dr's and AISL's will have access to and are encouraged to use the AFGArea9.org email addresses provided for them. Some training has been completed for Officers and Coordinators and additional training in the email and collaborating will be offered at the February AWSC and May Assembly.

The new website at www.AFGArea9.org was introduced January 19th and districts were asked to update their district websites with our new address. The new website is a work in progress and your comments and suggestions are welcomed. Please email me at technology@AFGArea9.org

Regards,

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"Participation is the key to harmony."

