

AFG Area 9 Panel 55 Group Records/Registration Coordinator Report Area Assembly - Fall 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. Like “NO MAIL” status, this new status flags a 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.

Because it’s so important that accurate meeting information be provided to anyone seeking Al-Anon’s help, World Service would like for us to resolve these issues as quickly as possible. Here’s a few things your Group can do to help:

- Report any Meeting Address or Room Changes to your District Group Records Chairperson as soon as possible
- Provide any special directions to your meeting by filling out the “Location Instructions” section on the GR1 form you submit for your Group
- Put directional signs in and around buildings where Meetings take place
- And, if a Meeting is temporarily cancelled for any reason, try to ensure there is a note on the door stating the reason and for how long.

North Florida AFG Area 9 General Group Information:

ACTIVE Groups	377
INACTIVE/MARKED FOR DELETION	<u>188</u>
<i>Total Number Groups in our Area</i>	565

Of the **377 ACTIVE** Groups in our Area, **17** have been temporarily removed from World Service Office web and telephone referral lines, due to **NO MAIL (12) or REPORTED NOT MEETING (5)** status. And of the **360 ACTIVE** Groups that are on the WSO web and telephone referral lines, **21 have “BOUNCED EMAIL”**, which means these groups are not getting their WSO monthly E-newsletter. If you think your Group is not getting its Mail or Email, or if numbers are down and you’re not sure why, don’t hesitate to come see me this weekend...we can look up your Group in the WSO data base and see what may be going on.

Since I last looked at the numbers, back in August for our Area World Service Committee Meeting, the total number of Groups in our Area has gone up from 561 to 565! This means we’ve had 4 new Meetings established in just the past 2 months! Unfortunately, some of the other numbers are up as well: We have **5 more** Groups become **INACTIVE** Groups and **2 more** that have been **REPORTED NOT MEETING**, since last August. This isn’t unusual for the summer months, however, and I do expect that we will resolve a lot of these issues now that families are back from vacation and attending meetings more regularly.