

District #13 DR and DISL
For August 2022 AWSC

Shirley (DISL) and I (Robin M., DR) are both fairly new in our respective roles but we have hit the ground running! We have firmed up the voting positions at district meetings, and are in the process of updating and approving service position guidelines for the district. Once these are approved, they will be posted on the district website. We have a few service positions that are currently unfilled (Alateen Coordinator, Public Outreach) with another one to become vacant in September (Literature). Having the service position guidelines in a central location will make it easier for members to access them and hopefully step up to hold those positions.

Although many of our meetings have returned to F2F, at the district level we have been meeting via ZOOM for the last couple of months. Many of our members have their own health issues, or have someone in their household who is vulnerable. A vote was taken for the July district meeting and ZOOM edged out F2F by a narrow margin. We hope to return to F2F for our September district meeting.

We have a few upcoming events. In October, we are planning a picnic as a low-key time of fun, food and fellowship. One of our newest groups has stepped up to host this event. In November, we will hold our annual Gratitude Luncheon. This has been a beloved event for many years. It is always well attended. We typically have an AA speaker and an AI-Anon speaker, and some years we are fortunate to be able to have an Alateen speaker. One of our meetings hosts a speaker event on the 5th Thursday of the month. This has been very well attended and is a great opportunity for collaboration between AA and AI-Anon.

Our Alateen program in one county of our district has been robust and successful, with 37 students meeting during school hours. A different county put the meetings on hold while they developed a parental consent form which they require to be signed and returned by the parent before the student is allowed to participate. The terms of the form are problematic for Alateen in maintaining confidentiality and anonymity. A task force has been developed in an effort to work with the school to meet their needs and the needs of our program.

Shirley attended Assembly in June (I was unable to attend due to a prior commitment). Pam L., our District Secretary, attended in my place. Both came back with updates on WSO's efforts to structure electronic meetings and we look forward to further updates as the structure comes together.

Shirley volunteered our district to run the Raffle at the 2022 Convention. She has been very proactive in gathering raffle baskets and volunteers to help sell tickets and be available for raffle winners to pick up their baskets. She has also volunteered our district for the same task for the 2023 convention.

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