

# **AFG Area 9 Florida North Technology Policy Guidelines**

## **1. Website Continuity**

**The Area believes the following statements express Al-Anon principles regarding Technology and keeping our current website as the format going forward.**

- a) Keeping the website stable and consistent is a good POLICY.
- b) Based on the long term discussions at WSO and WSC regarding “technology” it is wise to have a POLICY that uses our Steps, Traditions and Concepts to guide us in how we develop our PROCEDURES.
- c) Keeping the Website consistent across panels, recognizing that change comes slowly in Al-Anon yet also making a commitment to stay up to date with technology would be POLICY and the how-we-do-it would be PROCEDURES.

## **2. Technology Cooperation**

**a) Technology Coordinator can target cooperation in the following areas for 2017 (and use this as a model going forward):**

- i) Alateen – Encourage AMIASes to chair chat room meetings & follow Alateen WSO on Social media. Technology Coordinator can help interested AMIASes with the technology side of this outreach.
- ii) Spanish – Encourage use of Spanish version of WSO and Area websites and online Spanish meetings. Technology Coordinator can work with Spanish Coordinator to enhance the Area site.
- iii) Assembly – Conducting member surveys, and moving forward toward online registration and electronic voting.
- iv) The current Technology Coordinator could make specific recommendations based on his experience, and these policies could be taken up at the beginning of Panel 58.

**b) Using 2017 as an example, the Technology Coordinator will utilize a Technology Committee to explore new technologies (and their usage in the Area) without leading to double-headed management. Cooperating with other Coordinators and Area trusted servants is desirable.**

**Action Item:** Chairperson will create a Trial Basis Standing Committee that will meet throughout 2017 and request Panel 58 to assess the process at the February 2018 AWSC meeting and make a decision going forward.

### **3. Job Requirements**

**The following are Policy recommendations of Technology involvement. Technology Coordinators should plan on participating as follows:**

- a) Turnover – Technology Coordinator will inform and assist the Area Officers, Coordinators and Event Chairs with their Area email accounts.
- b) eCommerce – Technology Coordinator will guide us toward the use of online procedures to accept registrations, food orders and other electronic payments.
- c) Elections – Technology Coordinator will continue working toward a stated Area goal of having electronic elections in the near future

### **4. NFA AFG, Inc.**

**To cooperate with the Corporation we recommend:**

- a) The website, like the bank account and the archives storage, will be a part of our “business expenses” and have some oversight from the Officers/Bd of Directors. **The Technology Coordinator will work with the Officers to provide consistency and stability.**
- b) The Board will consider having new members (especially a few Coordinators) on the Board for the business and Traditional cooperation needed, including Technology Coordinator.
- c) As eCommerce becomes more a part of the Area it makes sense to have the Technology Coordinator or an IT presence on the Board.