

Chairperson's Report

Fall Assembly – Sept 30–Oct 2, 2016



Greetings, and welcome to our Fall Assembly!

So many wonderful things are happening in our Area – members working on Thought and Task Forces, Alateen support, outreach to people looking for our program, and of course, our fabulous Conventions just to name a few! The level of dedication and hard work from our members is humbling and awe inspiring! Thank you, everyone!

I'd like to draw your attention to a few things in particular that you may miss in all the activity:

1. **NFA AFG, Inc.** The Corporation Task Force diligently combed through our By-Laws and presented some recommendations to the AWSC regarding language and some issues to look at. The Officers are considering these suggestions, and will report back to AWSC in February. It's very important for all of us to understand that this corporation – NFA AFG, Inc – is a committee, within the boundaries of Tradition 9: Our groups, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. That means that *the Corporation* is here to serve the members of Area. And it is our job to maintain the legal requirements as well as our Traditions in keeping this committee active. You can also see more about NFA AFG, Inc. in the Charter Documents on our Area Website.
2. **2017 Assignments** – I have posted the 2017 Assignments for each District. Please take a look at this document. If your District is responsible for Registration or Hospitality then you may need to start working on lining up the volunteers!
3. **Area Charter** – as you can read in the Service Manual, our worldwide fellowship has developed a document that outlines the working processes of service. Our Area is also working through something similar – not creating new processes and policies but writing down what and how we do things. This goes along well with Concept 10: Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority and double-headed management is avoided. By defining what we do and how we do it, we can help volunteers in service work with success and autonomy.
4. **Area Guidelines** – This page on our Area Website is like a working archive of our policies and processes. Be sure to check here often. We update this page as various Guidelines go through the KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) process and are updated. You will also find here some information regarding the Service Structure. As we look forward to elections for Panel 58

these documents may come in handy. Of course each District has its own autonomy as to what trusted servants do in the District, but it may be helpful to know that there are some Area responsibilities for DR and AISL. Our Panel Motto has been Concept 4: Participation is the key to harmony. I believe this harmony has been wonderful during Panel 55. So many people doing so many different things. And together we are creating a dynamic, active and growing Area that supports our worldwide fellowship through Unity, Recovery and Service.

We are completing our second year of the Panel. I hope all of you are feeling a little more confident in your service positions, and that you are feeling the support of Area in your work on behalf of Al-Anon.

If there is anything I can do to answer questions, help resolve a conflict, or clarify something that is confusing please do not hesitate to contact me. And, in line with Concept 5, we encourage the right of appeal and petition to protect minority opinions, and insure they be heard. If you have a disagreement with something going on at the Area, please let me know so that your voice can be heard.

Yours in service,

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