

April 6, 2020

Hello Panel 58 Members,

I am more than hoping that this finds you and all your loved ones well during this unprecedented time.

I thought it was time to bring all members up to date as to what is happening within Area 9 and what the Officers and the Board of Directors have and will be doing to support you while you continue to carry the message of hope and help to families of alcoholics.

I will start with and update you as to what your NFA AFG, Inc. Board of Directors are and have been doing. On Sunday, April 5, 2020 the Board met via Zoom and reviewed our financials (sound), discussed legal overview of our corporate documents, revised some wording on the Area's Vision Statement, discussed some task force status and some planning for turnover later in the year. We will be posting shortly the Vision and Mission Statements on the website and I will send out the Chairperson of the Board letter very soon which summarizes the meeting.

As far as the Area Officers are concerned, we are in the process of trialing the Zoom platform to be used for a virtual AWSC special meeting, in the near future, in an effort to have a virtual Assembly after that. Cindy J., Delegate and Pat A., Technology Coordinator are working on that, in an attempt to work out all the tech bugs that we may face and are making great progress. We have an Officers' Meeting scheduled with the next week to discuss.

As you well know, the Assembly has been cancelled and the hotel was gracious about our cancellation and has cancelled all the hotel room reservations as well so no one has to worry about that. We still have scheduled our August AWSC Meeting and the Area Assembly in October.

The 2020 Convention is in negotiation with the hotel as to a later date being established either in very late 2020 or even possibly in early 2021. We will be meeting again with the hotel within the next week to discuss the process going forward and we will keep you apprised.

The 2020 Alateen Conference date has not been resolved as yet. The Alateen Roundup has been cancelled and the Service Workshop has not been considered at this time. We will keep you notified as things change.

I am so impressed and grateful for all of your service with respect to establishing your Zoom and telephone meetings and getting them promptly posted on your websites. I also am aware of lots of chatter about Zoom. It is such a great tool for us and I think that if there are issues you experience go to Zoom.com for assistance. There are a lot of safeguards that can be put into place like passwords and holding people in a waiting room before the meeting. I am sure you can avail yourselves of every opportunity to safeguard your meetings.

In the meantime, stay well and healthy so that we all together can continue to be available to give the message of hope to those family members suffering from someone else's drinking.

Please share this information with your members. I will post this on the website as well under the COVID-9 tab on the homepage that you can refer members. It will also be posted on the Chairperson's Nook on the website.

Your Trusted Servant,

Diane C., Chairperson, Panel 58

Florida North, Area 9

*"It takes one person to start something, but many others to keep it going.", Lois W., MVOJ, Page 262*