



**Delegate's Report
AWSC – August 2018
Florida North – Area 9**



Hello Panel 58 - Florida North! I hope you are all have a wonderful summer! I'm really looking forward to seeing you at our Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting.

1. **Electronic and Virtual Meetings** – I will be sharing a PowerPoint on Virtual Meetings, and we will begin a discussion of those that are available, and within our service structure. Discussion. Questions for WSO.

From the WSO Website:

Al-Anon electronic meetings use different online platforms: discussion boards, email, chat, phone and Voice over Internet Provider (VoIP), such as Skype. Each meeting is autonomous in its style, format, and entry procedures and like all Al-Anon meetings, agree to abide by the spirit of the Twelve Traditions. Meetings focus on Al-Anon-related topics, and participants are required to maintain their personal anonymity. Pictures of Al-Anon members and other pieces of personally identifying information are not posted in the meetings. Some participants may have email addresses specifically for the online Al-Anon meeting use and some use pseudonyms.

- Each meeting may have its own entry procedures. Some online meetings have an email contact where a “greeter” will provide the newcomer with specific directions to access the meeting.
- Meetings that don't list a specific meeting time are held 24/7.

2. **Social Media** – Meetings, communication, anonymity. Using the spiritual principles even before we log on.

- **Facebook**
- **Instagram**
- **Blogs**

Anonymity. Purpose. Outreach/Participation. We will be having a discussion on this, so bring your questions!

3. **Giving/Abundance** – Spirituality of Giving. Living in Abundance. As I shared in May, our Area is quite generous and abundant in its giving to WSO. As we approach our Area Budget process, and work together toward a consensus on that, I hope we can also make time to talk about ways to share that abundance – and what ways the spiritual principle of Abundance informs our giving.

4. **Translation** – Al-Anon is a tri-language program. This year at Conference the Board of Trustees presented a “Mega Issue” and invited us to participate in the initial parts of a discussion process:

From Vali F.: **Mega-Issue**

This year, in the Board’s efforts to address the strategic priorities of the organization, empower the Al-Anon fellowship and achieve a viable future for Al-Anon Family Groups, the Board of Trustees invited Conference members into the early phases of conversation between itself and the World Service Office Staff. Their discussions, which took place over three days, centered around the “mega-issue” of how to best address Spanish and French translation needs across the worldwide fellowship.

The conversation started Tuesday, with the Board seeking additional information from Conference members in answer to the five Knowledge-Based Decision-Making questions. From these insights, the translation problem was refined to prepare for brainstorming and prioritization of potential solutions, which occurred Thursday, and identification of the positive benefits and potential risks of the solutions, which wrapped up the week on Friday.

Since the translation mega-issue conversation is still in its infancy, Conference members were reminded that Staff and the Board need time to discuss the details and possible solutions before any conclusions can be reached. Once clear direction is identified, Conference members will be provided this information to share with the members in their Area.

5. **At Large Committee Resumes** - Résumés are now due to the World Service Office (WSO) by January 1st. This deadline will allow adequate time for the process of review, recommendation and approval of the candidate to be finalized in April, so they can begin their assignment in May. As a reminder, At-Large members can live anywhere in the World Service Conference Structure: United States and Canada. Selected Committees require one-year time commitments which run from May to April each year. The number of positions available annually is as follows:

- 5 At-Large members, Forum Editorial Advisory Committee
- 5 At-Large members, Literature Committee
- 5 At-Large members, Public Outreach Committee
- 2 At-Large members, Audit Committee

6. **Regional Trustee Process and RCT** – Our Area is not sending in a resume for the position of Regional Trustee. However, please continue to talk about this in your districts and with those wonderful long-timers in your groups. We will be searching for a

Southeast Regional Trustee candidate in three years – and maybe we will have some people willing to put their names forward.

This Regional Trustee process is part of a continuing conversation at the level of the Board and Conference, and as details emerge from the process I will share them on Delegate's Corner.

The Board receives and process Trustee at Large applications each year, so if you know someone who is qualified, please encourage them to put in their resume. Resumes and guidelines are located on the Area Website, Delegate's Corner. If you have any questions, or know someone you think may be qualified for (or interested in) becoming a Trustee, please contact me!

7. **Literature** – These are exciting times for Al-Anon Literature!

- I'm sure our Literature Coordinator will be giving you lots of information about our new Literature, but I wanted to say that I'm really enjoying reading through "Intimacy in Alcoholic Relationships" and hope my home group will consider doing a book study on it!
- The WSO needs sharings from our members for the new daily reader – they especially need sharings on the Steps, Traditions and Concepts. I know that I enjoy thinking about these legacies, and perhaps you would consider writing something about your own experience with one of these program fundamentals. There are forms on the Website and you can contact me, or our Literature Coordinator (literature-58@AFGArea9.org) for more information and guidelines.

8. **Public Outreach** –

- Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2019 had its first pre-order phase, and we should all start receiving them in September. Be sure to get those 2018 copies out in the Fall as well. There will be another opportunity to order 2019 AFA in February.
- Relaunch of the PSAs –Remember - we don't have to do the actual contacting of the TV and Radio stations, we simply have to get TV and Radio station contact information to the WSO. This could be a wonderful local Outreach project for a group in your District. You may send information to me and I will forward it to the WSO.
- Includes Alateen and members who may speak other languages. Some things you can do: have some Alateen, French and Spanish literature onhand in your home group; be sure to work with your District to look for ways of doing local outreach, try to find some new place to leave an AFA or other pamphlet.

9. **International Convention** – "Celebrating One Day at a Time" - who went? What did you see? How was it? I would love to hear from you about your experiences!! And even better if you wrote me an email – so that I could share this with the WSO staff and BOT!

10. **Road Trip 2019 – Meet The Board!** – we have submitted our application for our Area to host a Board Meeting. Information about this is on our website and the WSO website. It does not obligate the Area to provide anything except some hotel ideas – and then the WSO schedules a Board of Trustees meeting in the Area. Members may attend several of the sessions and have an opportunity to meet the Board, and interact with the Trustees. It's a wonderful opportunity and I'm really hoping we will have a chance to do this!

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Delegate. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions, ideas and suggestions. I am your link to the World Service Office. Of course, you can contact them directly, but the WSO will link me in anyway – and perhaps we can work together to address some of your concerns – our Area World Service Committee is here to help you!

See you soon – love in service,

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