

Florida North requires all members of the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) be participating members at the group and district level.

Candidates

Florida North members hold only one Area position at a time. Thus if you are a voting member of the AWSC panel (DR, AISL, Coordinator, Officer or Event Chair) you may not stand for or accept a second position on the AWSC panel.

All positions at the Florida North Area level are limited to Al-Anon members that meet the below criteria:

1. Who are not past or current members of Alcoholics Anonymous
2. Who have not previously served a full three-year term in the position for which they are now standing
3. Who have the ability to access and the willingness to use electronic communication and media
4. Who have read the corresponding job description/guidelines and agree to fulfill the responsibilities

Specific position eligibility:

Delegate- Eligible candidates are defined as:

All current and former District Representatives who have served a full three-year term in the Florida North Area and who are current voting members of the North Florida Area World Service Committee.

Alternate Delegate-Eligible candidates are defined as:

Members that have not served a full three-year term as Delegate

All current and former District Representatives who have served a full three-year term in the Florida North Area and who are current voting members of the North Florida Area World Service Committee.

Alternate Delegate-Eligible candidates defined as:

Members that have not served a full three-year term as Delegate

All current and former District Representatives who have served a full three-year term in the Florida North Area and who are current voting members of the North Florida Area World Service Committee.

Chairperson- Eligible candidates defined as:

All current and former District Representatives who have served a full three-year term in the Florida North Area and who are current voting members of the North Florida Area World Service Committee.

Secretary-Eligible candidates are defined as:

All current and former District Representatives and Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons (AISL)* Who have served a full two years of a three-year term in the Florida North Area and who are current voting members of the AWSC.

All former District Representatives and Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons (AISL)* who have served a full two years of a three-year term in the Florida North Area and have been inactive for no more than one three-year panel of service.

*AISL- must be an outgoing or past Group Representative

Treasurer- Eligible candidates are defined as:

All current and former District Representatives and Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons (AISL)* Who have served a full two years of a three-year term in the Florida North Area and who are current voting members of the AWSC.

All former District Representatives and Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons (AISL)* who have served a full two years of a three-year term in the Florida North Area and have been inactive for no more than one three-year panel of service.

*AISL- must be an outgoing or past Group Representative

* To avoid possible conflict Area Treasurer candidates should not hold any other Treasurer positions in the District or Area above the group level.

Coordinators

- Alateen
- Alateen Area Process Person
- Archives
- Group Records
- Legacy
- Literature
- Public Outreach
- Spanish Liaison
- Technology

Eligible Coordinator candidates are defined as:

Those who are not members of the incoming AWSC and have been a member of Florida North Area for a minimum of three years.

Eligible Coordinator candidates(Continued)

The member standing must have completed a three-year term as a Group Representative actively attending District and Area Assemblies during their term.

The Alateen Coordinator and the Alateen Area Process Person candidate must possess the means, ability and willingness to travel throughout the Area in order to conduct the necessary AMIAS training required by the current Florida North Alateen Safety and Behavioral requirements.

They must be a currently registered AMIAS in good standing with the Florida North Area.

The Spanish Liaison Coordinator candidate must be bilingual (Spanish/English). Speaking, reading and writing in both Spanish and English is required.

Eligible Voters Defined

Only Group Representatives Vote

Each District Representative or Alternate District Representative will announce to the Secretary the number of eligible voters from the District.

Two Thirds Majority Defined

Two Thirds majority refers to two-thirds of the total number of votes cast.

Abstentions do not count as votes cast.

Required Resources and Process

Staff:

Non-voting members to serve as ballot distributors.

Equipment:

Display board or projector

Paper ballots (small blank pieces of paper)

Process:

Paper ballots distributed to voters for each vote taken

Names of all candidates written on the board or equivalent

Votes will be tallied beside each candidate's name

Any unreadable name on a ballot will not be counted as a vote cast

Election Procedures for Officers and Coordinators

Chairperson/Acting Chairperson begins the election and asks all eligible candidates who are willing to serve to please stand now for the specified office (i.e. Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary & Treasurer, Coordinator)

If the Chairperson/Acting Chairperson is a candidate:

The Delegate chairs the election.

If the Delegate is not present or is a candidate, the first of the following who is not a candidate chairs the election:

- a. Alternate Delegate
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer

Names of all willing and eligible candidates for the specified office are written on the display board or equivalent.

Candidates are asked to line up at the microphone and read from the "Trusted Servant Profile" starting at "my home group".

The profiles are available on the website and copies will be available before and during the Elections.

Candidates are asked to vacate the room after they have read their profile until voting is completed.

After voting the first round the Chairperson may take the votes to the candidates in the event a candidate wishes to withdraw their name

Group Representatives vote on the paper ballots folding the ballot in half.

Any unreadable ballot will be discarded.

Votes are shown on the display board or equivalent beside each candidate's name once all votes are tallied.

Balloting Procedures

On any ballot, a candidate who receives two-thirds of the votes cast is elected.

If there is only one candidate a "yes" or "no" is written on the ballot. Two-thirds majority is needed to be elected.

If there are only two candidates and a two-thirds majority of votes cast is not reached on the first ballot:

1. A second ballot is taken and a two-thirds majority of votes cast is still needed to win.
2. If a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is not obtained on the second ballot a third ballot is taken.
3. If a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is not obtained on the third ballot the candidate with the highest number of votes cast will be declared the newly elected officer.

If there are more than two candidates and a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is not obtained on the first ballot the Chairperson may suggest that candidates may wish to withdraw their names:

4. A second ballot is taken and a two-thirds majority of votes cast is still needed to win.
5. If a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is not obtained on the second ballot a third ballot is taken.
6. If a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is not obtained on the third ballot the candidate with the highest number of votes cast will be declared the newly elected officer.

Vacated Positions

In the event any Officer or Coordinator is unable to attend two consecutive Area meetings AWSC or Assembly or is not fulfilling the requirements of the position their position shall be deemed vacated.

If the position of Delegate becomes vacant the Alternate Delegate will assume the position of Delegate.

If any Officer or Coordinator position other than Delegate becomes vacant during the term of the current panel the current election procedures will be followed.

If any position is vacated during the term of the current panel the materials of that vacated position are returned to Florida North. The materials of each vacated position shall be placed in labeled containers by the Archives Coordinator or Area Chairperson or appointed interim replacement who will be responsible for bringing the materials to each Area meeting.