

Task Force on Election Procedures

Report to the AWSC August 2019

Our Task Force has met several times via Conference Call and utilizing Google Docs.

We have used the current Election Procedures, the Service Manual and feedback from other Areas to address the Procedures and discuss some changes.

Changes to the current Elections Procedures that we are discussing:

Purpose: Using the spiritual principles in the Concepts, including good personal leadership, participation and responsibility, these guidelines are created:

- * to provide clarification of Election Procedures in Florida North,
- * to increase unity of purpose as we transition from one Panel to the next, and
- * to provide stability for members who are interested in serving the Area as a whole.

The changes we are discussing include:

- In Section III add the following
 - 5. Who are willing to read and use the service manual regularly.
 - 6. Who attends Al-Anon meetings regularly.
 - 7. Who have served three years as a Group Representative (GR) in Florida North (FL-N) Area.
- Perhaps changing the name of Spanish Coordinator to Translation Coordinator, requiring bilingual ability in English and Spanish.
- Clarifying the language in “Eligible Assembly Voters Defined”

- Under Election Procedures for Coordinators changing it to read “only the selected Coordinator reads from their Trusted Servant Profile.
- Not posting balloting numbers on public display, but only using them if necessary in private between the Chairperson and the candidates
- Changing “Balloting Procedures for Officers” - 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.~~ the presiding officer will draw a name to fill the position. “Two-thirds vote or by lot greatly reduces political friction” Service Manual p. 195
- Simplifying the qualification for Officer Eligibility

Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Chairperson: All voting members of the current AWSC Panel who have actively participated in and served a full three-year term in Florida North (FL-N) are eligible to stand

Secretary and Treasurer: All voting members of the current AWSC Panel who have actively participated in and served three-year term in Florida North (FL-N), or former voting members of AWSC who have not served at the Area for one three-year panel, are eligible to stand

We also hope to create a consistent numbering and paging format.

We are very interested in hearing feedback, and hope to have time for some discussion at AWSC. We would also like to hear from you via email:

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We will keep your comments and suggestions confidential and give them a full hearing in our Task Force. We hope to have a document finalized for a vote by February 2020 AWSC.

Yours in service,

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