

AFG Area 9 – Florida North Policy

Area Technology

1. Website Continuity

The Area believes the following statements express Al-Anon principles regarding Technology and keeping our current website as the format going forward.

- a. Keeping the website stable and consistent is a good POLICY.
- b. Based on the long term discussions at WSO and WSC regarding “technology” it is wise to have a POLICY that uses our Steps, Traditions and Concepts to guide us in how we develop our PROCEDURES.
- c. Keeping the Website consistent across panels, recognizing that change comes slowly in Al-Anon yet also making a commitment to stay up to date with technology would be POLICY and the how-we-do-it would be PROCEDURES.

2. Technology Cooperation

The Area Technology Coordinator can target cooperation in the following areas:

- a. Alateen: Encourage AMIASes to chair chat room meetings and follow Alateen WSO on social media. The Area Technology Coordinator can help interested AMIASes with the technology-side of this outreach.
- b. Spanish: Encourage the use of Spanish version of WSO and Area websites and online Spanish meetings. The Technology Coordinator can work with Spanish Coordinator to enhance the Area site.
- c. Assembly: Conduct member surveys and moving toward online registration and electronic voting for Assemblies.
- d. Turnover: The outgoing Area Technology Coordinator could make specific recommendations based on his or her experiences for the next Panel to consider.

The Area Technology Coordinator will use a Technology Committee to explore new technologies and their usage in the Area without leading to double-headed management. Cooperating with other Coordinators and Area trusted servants is desirable.

3. Job Requirements

The following are Policy recommendations of Technology involvement. Technology Coordinators should plan on participating as follows:

- a. Turnover: The Technology Coordinator will inform and assist the Area Officers, Coordinators and Event Chairs with their Area email accounts.

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- b. eCommerce: The Technology Coordinator will guide the Area toward the use of online procedures to accept registrations, food orders and other electronic payments.
 - c. Elections: The Technology Coordinator will continue working toward a stated Area goal of having electronic elections in the near future

4. Cooperation with NFA AFG, Inc.

To cooperate with the Corporation we recommend:

- a. The Area website, like the Area bank account and the archives storage, will be a part of our “business expenses” and have some oversight from the Officers/Board of Directors of NFA AFG, Inc.
- b. The Area Technology Coordinator also will serve as a Director on the Board of NFA AFG, Inc. for the business and traditional cooperation needs. In addition, as the Area continues to expand its use of eCommerce, it makes sense to have the Technology Coordinator on the Board.