

AFG Area 9 – Florida North

Task Force Assignment:

Review and Update Red Light-Green Light Procedures

Task Force Charge

- Discuss changing the name Red Light-Green Light to Chosen Agenda Items to align it with the World Service Conference's (WSC) current terminology.
- Discuss the current Procedures and develop recommendations for updates.
- Incorporate any special steps or directions to accommodate virtual Area World Service Committee (AWSC) or Area Assemblies.

Task Force Members

- Mary W., Alternate Delegate, Panel 64 (Task Force Chairperson)
- Robin P., Literature Coordinator, Panel 64
- Nita H., DR, District 9
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Rationale

Recent submissions for Red Light/Green Light have been low, and some of the questions that have been submitted were either recently researched at a Red Light/Green Light session or otherwise not a good fit. This Task Force will review the current Red Light/Green Light Procedures and may consider the following topics:

- Should the Procedures be updated with more information for Districts and Groups to consider when selecting a question or questions?
- Should the name be changed to Chosen Agenda Item, the World Service Conference (WSC) current terminology?
 - Red Light/Green Light has not been used at the WSC since the late '80s.
- How can the Procedures encourage more research in the Red Light/Green Light Archives on the Area's website prior to submitting a question?
- How should the Area Alternate Delegate work with the selected Districts when Area Meetings are held virtually?
- Are there any other changes to consider?
- Task Force Chair Mary W. has drafted some changes to the Procedures to address these areas. The Task Force will review that draft and add them or any other suggested updates or additions to the Procedures document. The revised Procedures will be voted on at a future AWSC meeting.

Task Force Instructions

- Please meet via whatever technology works for the group..
- Complete the assignment as best you can. Submit this form as your Report. You can do this by sending it to the Technology Coordinator, who will post it on the website.
- Create a proposal that can be discussed at our next AWSC Meeting. Submit that to the Technology Coordinator as your Task Force Proposal.
- If your Task Force needs more time, note it on the form and submit it as your report. If your task force is in process, no proposal is required, but an update at AWSC is necessary.

KBDM Questions from the Task Force

1. What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences that is relevant to this topic?

Some districts submit RL/GL questions/concerns, topics, prior to each AWSC, some do not. Some topics have already been addressed within the current and past 1-2 panels. Some topics are able to be addressed on the spot by a Past Delegate or current Panel member.

Some topics, when not chosen for RL/GL, are not even addressed or mentioned, so members are not aware of all the questions that are not chosen.

2. What do we know about our resources (finances, member participation, etc.) that is relevant to this topic?

Financial: There are no financial components to this task force.

Member Participation: No change, still request participation from districts and its members.

3. What do we know about the current realities (membership, culture, etc.) and our fellowship's environment (technology, geography, demographics, etc.) that is relevant to this topic?

Fewer topics have been submitted for RL/GL.

Some topics can be answered on the spot.

There was no "Ask it Basket" in P61.

The name Red Light/ Green Light is outdated and does not clearly explain the purpose of the discussion session.

4. What are the ethical implications of our choices -what are the pros and cons? Will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles?

Changes/Updates would be more in-line with the World Service Conference (WSC) Chosen Agenda Items process. There are no ethical implications to updating the RL/GL process.

5. What do we wish we knew but don't?

If there is a breakdown in the links of AFG communication? Are Districts communicating this tool with their GR's? Are GR's communicating this helpful tool with their group members?

Members who submit questions that are not chosen: do they know their voice has been heard?

Task Force Summary/Findings

Our Area has used the name "Red Light/Green Light" for many years to describe a particular session that takes place on Sunday morning during the Area Assembly.

Red Light/Green Light provides the Assembly an opportunity to put forward topics of interest, questions, and concerns at the AWSC to research and discuss at Assembly.

The current process is one that works, but the title Red light/Green Light does not clearly describe what the session is all about.

Task Force Recommendation

The Task Force recommends the title of the "Red Light/Green Light" session be changed to "Timely Topics," so that all members, including newcomers to Area service, know what this valuable discussion session has to offer.

The Task Force also recommends considering the updated guideline that provides an option to draw topics from the World Service Committee Summary and the In The Loop newsletter.

The Task Force, recommends the updated guideline be read at the July 22, 2024 virtual Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting.

The Task Force, recommends the creation of a Thought or Task Force to create procedures for the "Ask it, basket" session for Timely Topics submissions that can be addressed during the Assembly.

AFG Area 9 – Florida North Guideline

Timely Topics

Timely Topics are issues of concern submitted via the selection process below. This process provides an opportunity for members to discuss topics during a scheduled session at Florida North Area Assemblies.

Selection and Research Policy

1. Group Representatives (GR) ask their group for topics or issues to submit to their District Representative (DR). The DR will research the Area archives to see if that topic has already been addressed during the current panel or previous two panels.
(Click [here](#) to open the password protected Area website Archives).
 - a. If the question or topic has already been researched, or the answer can be found in the current AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, the DR will share that information with their district.
 - b. If the topic has not already been researched, answered, reported and/or discussed at the Area level, the DR will submit the topic(s) to the Area Alternate Delegate at least one month prior to the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) meeting.
 - c. If too few questions or concerns have been submitted a month prior to AWSC the selection committee has the opportunity to review the two most recent World Service Conference Summaries and In The Loop Newsletters for discussion topics.
2. Prior to the AWSC, the Area Chairperson will form a Timely Topics Selection committee consisting of the Alternate Delegate, one DR, and one Past Delegate to choose the Timely Topics to be discussed during the Assembly. The Timely Topics Selection committee will meet prior to the AWSC to choose topics to be presented at Assembly.
3. The Area Chairperson pre-assigns two districts that will research and present the Timely Topics at the Assembly. The Area meeting assignments are located in the Panel Meeting Dates & Assignments document on the Area website.
4. Research for Timely Topics questions may be taken from:
 - a. AI-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL)
 - b. The Forum
 - c. World Service Conference Summaries
 - d. The World Service Office website
 - e. In The Loop newsletter
 - f. Florida North website
5. Reference all research with sources cited (e.g. The Forum, Oct. 2014, pg.13).
6. Opinions of the researcher are not included in the information presented.
7. Topics will be posted on the Alternate Delegate's web-page.

AFG Area 9 – Florida North Guideline Timely Topics

Session Procedure

1. Because no question is more or less important than another, each will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.
2. The presenter is limited to 5 minutes at the microphone.
3. There will only be one presenter for each topic.
4. The discussion period for each topic is ten minutes.
5. Attendees wishing to share, will come to the microphone and line up quietly.
6. Attendees do not repeat a previous question, comment or share.
7. Attendees are limited to two minutes at the microphone per topic.
8. Tradition 12, “principles above personalities” and Concept 4, “Participation is the key to harmony” guide the Timely Topics session.
9. There is no clapping during the Timely Topics session.
10. Research should be compiled into a document that is suitable for posting on the Area website. This document will be submitted to the Alternate Delegate by email no later than midnight of the last day of the Assembly. The Alternate Delegate will review the research before posting on the password protected page of the Area website.