Technology Coordinator Report - April 6, 2015

Website: www.afgarea9.org

AWSC Thought Force results on placed on the website AWSC 2015 Feb page. Also a poll for member feedback, there were 19 votes that gave AWSC an "excellent" rating and 9 votes for "Very Good".

A new webpage for May 2015 Assembly was added and Guidelines under review were placed on the website. A separate section for Alateen has been added. New Alateen documents under review and completed have been updated on the website. We are hoping to add two new sections to the website in the near future, Archive and Spanish Language Translations.

Minutes and Budgets often contain information conflicts with our tradition of anonymity, a password protected section for Budgets and Minutes has been added. The password to access this section is AFGAREA9 (all caps) and please remember that this information is for the members of Al-Anon only.

Created a fun "Reminder" for Group Representatives attending the May Assembly.

Webstats: www.afgarea9.org

During the 31 days of March there were 2100 sessions opened with a 38% bounce rate (visitor not going past home page) which works out to be about 1302 sessions, with an adjusted statistic of 46% return visitors and 54% new. Average pages viewed was 3 and average time on the website was 2 minutes.

Collaboration:

Officers and Coordinators are using shared documents and spreadsheets to organize processes. Thought Groups and Task Forces are using shared documents in commenting, editing and updating guideline revisions for panel 55.

Communication:

All of the Officers and Coordinators are now using the AFGArea9.org email. Most of the District Reps and AISLs are using the AFGArea9.org email system for receiving and sending email. There are 3 AISL and 1 District Rep who have not signed in and are receiving Area 9 email forwarded to their personal email accounts. Most of the past delegates and trustees are not using the AFGArea9.org email and Area 9 email is being forwarded to their personal email accounts.

If you are a DR or AISL and are having difficulties with forwarded email or using the AFGArea9.org email, please contact me at technology@afgarea9.org.

A pre-assembly survey was sent out to all panel officers, coordinators, event chairs, district reps, AISL's and past delegates and trustees. The survey is the beginning of the process to make assembly registration available on-line (we are hoping for Spring Assembly 2016). There were 147 members that responded, and it was a good learning process in what devices were unable to submit surveys and what other difficulties we might expect in the future.

Committee:

We have 3 committee members from my district 12 and our previous web coordinator. Review and support by committee members is on an ongoing basis as the website continues to mature. We hope to have a meeting before the May Assembly.

Summary:

We have made a lot of progress in the area of technology from the beginning of Panel 55. I have to remember that our panel is only a little over 4 months into our 3 year position. The support of the panel members and the membership as a whole has been gratifying as well as humbling as I work the fourth of the primary ideas of the 12 steps as mentioned on page 24 of our service manual. "We keep Al-Anon's gifts by sharing them with others."

With Gratitude and Love,

Roger D,

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