

Legacy Task Force Report June 11, 2017

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Charge: Discuss the two points below regarding the position of Legacy Coordinator. Create a recommendation for AWSC.

1. Discuss the broad question of whether we need a newsletter as we have in the past. If we do, how can it be envisioned to be flexible and in cooperation with current Area realities around technology, reporting and information flow. If you recommend continuing this Coordinator Position, please create a viable, new Job Description to present at AWSC.
2. Discuss other possibilities for this position-If you think we do not need this position, can we think outside the box? Are there needs in our Area that could use a Coordinator position? If you decide we do not need a Legacy Coordinator, please create some focused recommendation for the panel to consider. We can then either a) create a trial position for Panel 58 or b) recommend that Panel 58 create a trial position once they have been seated.

Background/Historical Information:

Our Area has had a Newsletter Editor as a Coordinator position since the state split in 1985. Technology has changed over time, and the Newsletter Editor position has also changed. The Legacy Coordinator position has transformed but it is time to stop and take a look at what serves the Area and make some clarification decisions so that the next Coordinator will be set up for success. What we know:

- The Legacy has been a tradition that provides a written record of the history of Area 9 meetings, successes and activities.
- The Legacy provided a printed newsletter for those who may not have access to computers or do not use the computer website
- The Legacy has become a compilation of Coordinators and District Representatives reports
- These reports are now available on the Area website and are kept current.
- Past reports are now available on the Archive section of the website.

A sample of the last produced Legacies can be found at:

<http://www.afgarea9.org/thelegacy.html>

And earlier versions can be found in the Area 9 archives:

<http://www.afgarea9.org/archives.html>

Legacy Task Force Summary:

The task force members felt the Legacy Newsletter had become a summary of the district reports, those which are already found on the Area 9 website. We also found that only two of the 13 districts in our area had an ongoing newsletter. These newsletters primarily contain district events and stories from The Forum. This is in our task force member's consideration, a duplication of effort as the Area 9 website has an event calendar and we have links to the WSO as well as other publications. We also reached out through e-communities with questions about how other areas were addressing newsletters in this time of electronic communication and there was little response with nothing particularly helpful. Our consensus at that time was that there was not a substantial reason to continue with the newsletter and we were ready to recommend discontinuing the position and newsletter, but we felt it important to survey the area 9 membership first before coming to a final decision.

A survey regarding future options for the Legacy newsletter and the Legacy Coordinator position was developed and distributed to DRs and GRs by email as well as placing it on the Area 9 website requesting all Area 9 members to complete. Results were reviewed by the Task Force. It was found that there was no general consensus regarding the continuation of the Legacy Coordinator position and the Legacy newsletter. There were 86 responses and 42% of the respondents had not read or had not heard of the Legacy Newsletter and the overall consensus was split about 50/50 as to the continuation of the Newsletter and the Legacy Coordinator position (data presented below).

The task force members felt there was no clear cut reason to continue with the Legacy Newsletter, but the 50% of the Area 9 membership who participated in the survey felt there was value in continuing with the newsletter. With the guidance of Concept 10: Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority and double-headed management is avoided, the task force members felt that the question deserved further consideration.

The Legacy Task Force members voted to recommend:

1. That the Legacy Coordinator position continue to be included in the service position openings but not filled at this time.
2. That the job description for the Legacy Coordinator position be addressed during panel 58 through a Task Force.
3. Once the Job Description is a consensus of the Area, then the position can be filled in the same manner as other Coordinators.

Legacy Coordinator and Newsletter Survey Results:

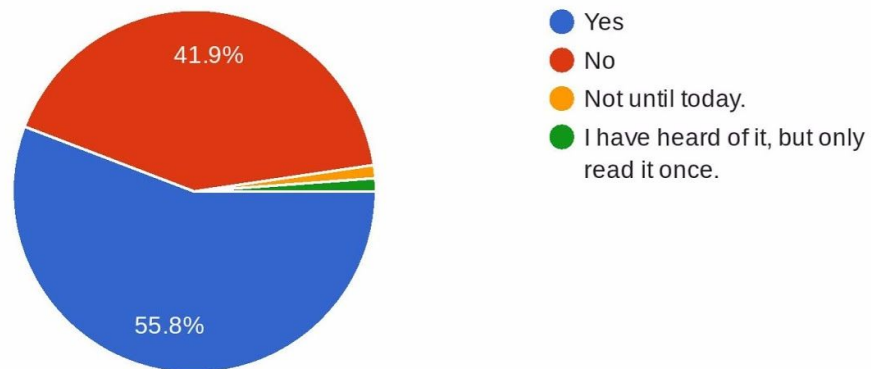
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The Legacy Coordinator and Newsletter Survey

87 responses

Have you heard of or read The Legacy Newsletter?

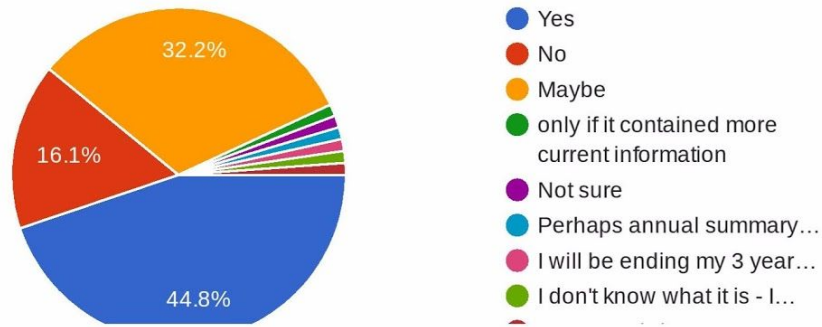
86 responses



Would you like to see the continuation of an Area 9 newsletter?

87 responses

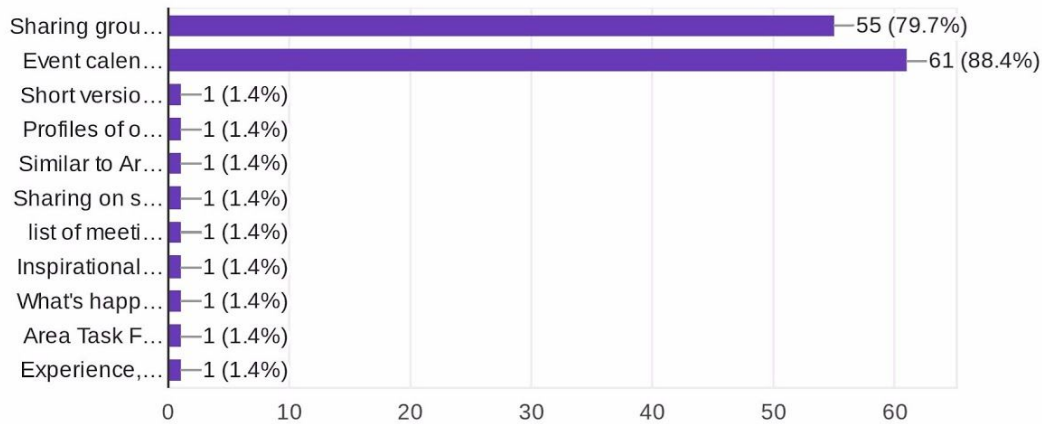
The Legacy Coordinator and Newsletter Survey



If "Yes" for continuation of The Legacy newsletter

What would you like to be included in the newsletter?

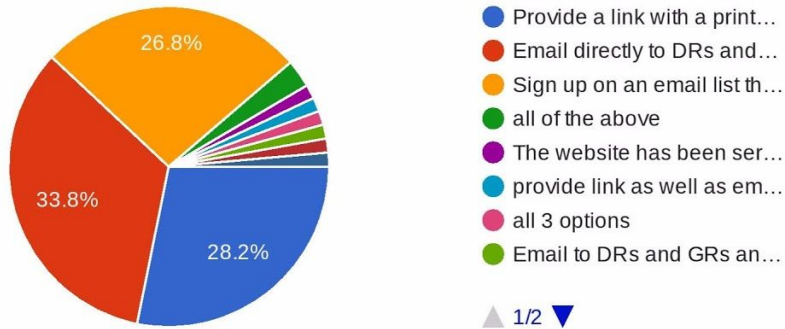
69 responses



How would you like it distributed?

71 responses

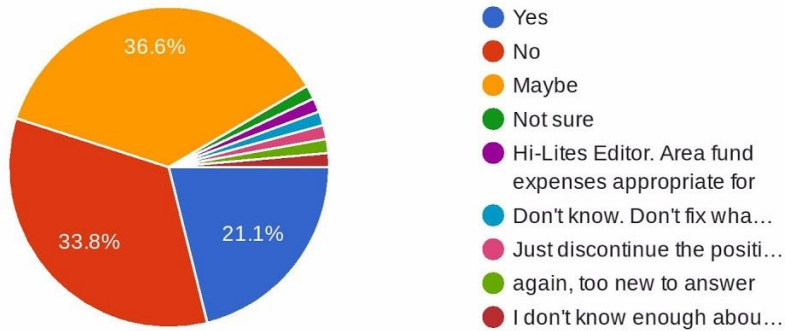
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If "No" for the continuation of The Legacy

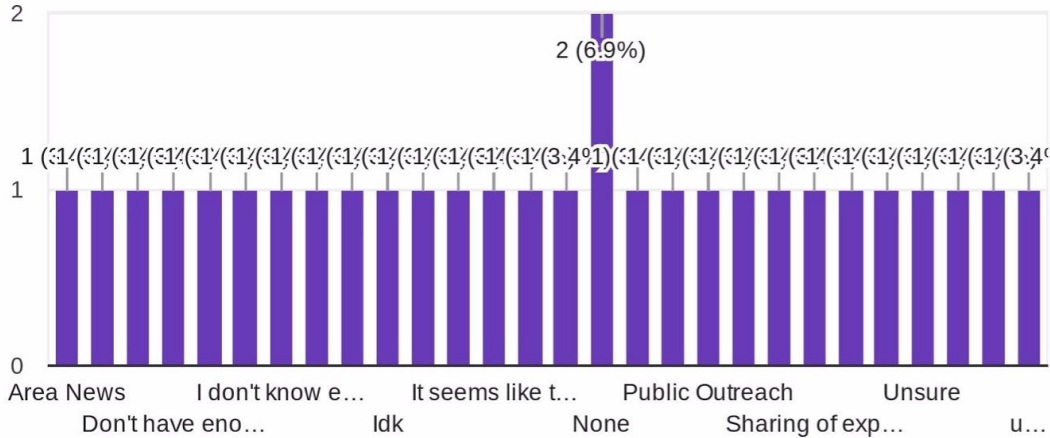
Should we consider discontinuing The Legacy Coordinator position and dedicate these funds to a new position?

71 responses

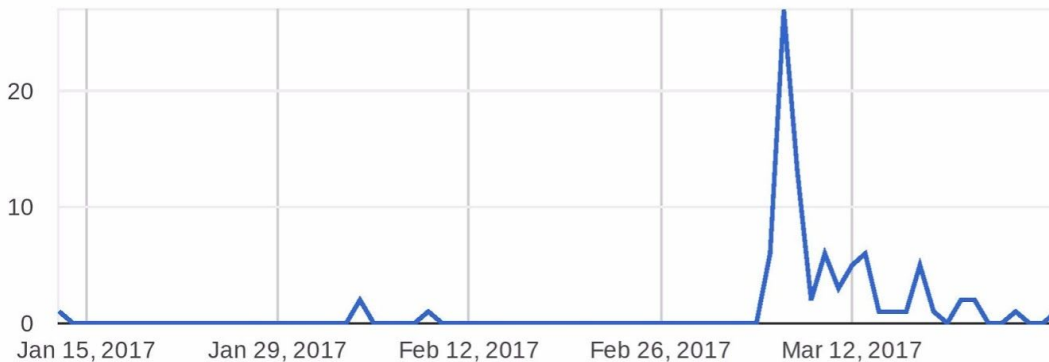


If funds were allocated to a new position, what position do you see a need for at this time?

29 responses



Number of daily responses



Questionnaire Responses to the Question: If funds were allocated to a new position, what position do you see a need for at this time?

Communications coordinator

Combination position - the Treasurer says she needs help doing the postcards to thank the group for donations; the Chairperson spends a lot of time dealing with hotel "stuff" - Maybe a Communications Coordinator to maintain a list of emails to help out the DRs and the Chairperson and the Treasurer and almost be the Sgt at Arms during Assemblies

Outreach in FL for Alateen

Registration

Rather than a position, maybe it could go to the Area Convention seed fund that was just voted to be increased.

Not a new position, but I think a member of both AA & AL Anon should serve as liason between both groups

IDK

Member Services

It seems like the area website has taken the place of the Legacy as it now hosts all the information the Legacy used to share. Could the next Technology Coordinator benefit from another person to help manage all that content? I think it would be similar to the two positions used to support different aspects of Alateen. Also, it would familiarize another member with the website's inner workings, and prepare them to be a Technology Coordinator in the future. outreach work

I do not know.

I've not served an Area position. Information regarding the experience/knowledge of current & past Officers/Coordinators would be most helpful to answer question

Hi-Lites Editor (who selects info from District and Area reports)

Public Outreach

None

If there's no Legacy Coord., then who's communicating directly to the people in our rooms? The printed copy of the Legacy on the table at my meeting spoke to me, even if I didn't open it up. It said there are people like me ready to lend a helping hand at a higher level, working to preserve our program for the next person who will walk in the door for their very first time. If there is a need for a new position, then we should be talking about HOW to make that happen. What is possibly more important than The Legacy telling the legend of our struggles and rejoicing how far we've come. What would Lois say about discontinuing the narrative of Florida North?

Social media development

Since I am in District II, and was a Legacy Chair for District II, I thought and still think its a good thing to continue.

Area News

Don't have enough knowledge to know where need is greatest.

Unsure

Increased outreach

Sharing of experience, strength, and hope re: conflict resolution
do not know

I have no idea

Keep Legacy Coordinator Position

I don't know enough about it.