

Panel 61 - District 8

June 24-26 Assembly Report

We started 2022 with our first official in person District meeting on January 15, 2022. 14 people attend in person and 12 via zoom. We continue to facilitate the zoom option for those that are not able to attend in person currently. As the months pass, more and more members are attending in person. With the help of our technology chair, we are able to vote via polls and in person without a problem. We are also using a screen and projector to share items both with the people on zoom and those in person. This has made for a smoother experience.

We continue to have Our District meetings on the third Saturday of every month. A week and a half before the officers (DR, ADR, DISL, Treasurer and Secretary) meet to plan the upcoming District meeting agenda.

Our Public Outreach positions are open. Therefore, our District decided to work on a public outreach project together as a Panel. The project ideas came from the Area Public Outreach Coordinator's "Take out Menu". We have a committee lead by our DISL researching the options we have voted on. We have been in touch with Area Treasurer regarding SPOP. We are so excited to see what the final project will be.

Besides the Public Outreach positions, our Literature chair has also been open. We are very lucky to have our past panel literature chair step in until the position is filled. She is also the 2022 Decorations/Signage Chair for the 2022 Convention and she updates us on the progress.

District 8 is chairing the 2022 Alateen Conference which will be held on August 12-14, 2022 at Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center. We have a few AMIAS from our District who are in the committee including the Alateen Conference Chair and 10 other AMIAS from different districts have step up and joined the committee.

Our ADR which is also our AA Liaison chaired a Task Force: Should AA members with dual membership serve at the district level in a non-voting position. It was the recommendation of the task force to allow dual members to serve at the district level. Our District voted and our Elections procedures were revised as follows:

A. District 8 Committee Chairs: Al-Anon/Alateen members who are also members of AA (dual members) may serve as members of the District 8 panel as Committees Chairs, chair events, and as AMIAS. These positions have a voice but do not have a vote.

- 1. Candidates must be active members of Al-Anon.*
- 2. Candidates must be willing and able to make every effort to attend 12 District meetings each year.*
- 3. Candidates must be aware of their service position descriptions and be willing and able to serve.*
- 4. Candidates cannot have previously served a full three-year term in the capacity for which they are standing.*

5. *Candidates unable to attend on the day of elections may submit their names to the current DR, ADR, or DISL prior to the election meeting.*

AA has asked our District to chair the Al-anon participation part of the 2023 66th Annual AA Florida State Convention in Saddlebrook. We accepted and our ADR is co-chairing the Al-Anon program. More information will follow!

**Our District is so excited for the 2022 Convention!
There is no place like a home group!**

With love in service,

Carmen, District Representative

Leanne, District Information Service Liaison