

District 11

AWSC report 7/20/23

Once again, members of this district were asked to share their experience/s at the area assembly during our most recent district meeting. Those who chose to share reported something akin to “awe” (my word) regarding the conduct and unfolding of the assembly. Those new to the assembly, as well as longtime attendees, expressed gratitude for the practical application of established guidelines which promote order and participation by all members. Notably, one first time attendee spoke of perceived “enthusiasm” while attending the meeting for new group reps. Thanks, Gretchen.

I am not sure if I understood an item presented at assembly regarding compensation for Delegates. I “heard” that consideration is being given to converting this position into a paying one, compensation beyond the current practice of reimbursement for full travel and ordinary expenses. I would need more information before deciding whether I could conscientiously support this change, or not.

As we approach the end of panel 61, we have been talking about elections at all levels of service within the district and area. From the beginning, I have encouraged our group reps and all officers to “train their replacements.” I am curious, and excited, to discover how many service positions will be filled by members who have been nurtured and encouraged to “get in the car.” We will, of course, be voting.

Like many other districts, we are planning a gratitude luncheon/dinner in recognition of all we have been given. It is possible that we will combine a gratitude event with a workshop on “communication,” using CAL.

Finally, it has been a pleasure serving with all of you during panel 61. Our closing includes the idea that “though you may not like all of us, you will love us in a very special way..... The same way we already love you.” I have felt that “love” from many of you and for that, I am truly grateful. I am also deeply grateful for the ability to disagree on some issues without being disagreeable. After nearly 30 years in Al-Anon, I can honestly admit that I remain teachable in an environment of safety and acceptance. Thanks to all of you!

See you at the assembly.

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