

Virtual AWSC Alt. Delegate Report

August 22, 2020

Together we continue our journey as part of Panel 58, making history through virtual meetings, virtual AWSC's, and virtual assemblies. Here is the Forum report for Florida. It continues to be the state with the third most subscriptions. Volume has not changed, even with the pandemic. It is comforting that we have learned to adjust in every part of our daily lives.

Forum Sales Report						
August 2020 Issue						
Group		Other		Total		
State/Province	Subscriptions	Copies	Subscriptions	Copies	Subscriptions	Copies
FL	120	135	1026	1055	1146	1190

I just received the August 2020 edition of the Forum Magazine. An article on page two, caught my attention. It is titled, **“The Power of Acceptance,”** and credits the author as being from Florida. It is a powerful article. It brought me to accept that I am powerless over the pandemic. I only need to let go and let God do His part, while I continue dancing the Al-Anon Waltz; It starts by going, “Steps 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3...”

An article on page 9, credits another Florida author. The article is titled **“A Thank You Letter to Al-anon.”** It is powerful how the author recognized that by listening to members, she learned to work on fixing herself and not the alcoholic. This was a good reminder of when I first realized that I am the only person I can change. I am the only one in my Hula Hoop.

If these authors are from North Florida, please let us acknowledge these articles in AFG Area 9 at The Alt Delegate Alcove. Also, if you write or have written an article that gets published in The Forum, *PLEASE* let us know. Tech Coordinator Pat A and I would be proud to acknowledge your achievement in The Alt Delegate Alcove, on our AFG Area 9 website.

As this pandemic continues, we are learning to embrace more technology, and we are getting better at it. This is true for me. My learning continues as I return to work.

Have any of you tried attending any virtual meetings, reading the blogs, or any of the other resources located on the WSO website? For those who have not, I recommend trying them. We have these amazing resources to help with our recovery. They can easily be at the tip of our fingers, without leaving our homes. It is my opinion that virtual zoom meetings and blogs will not disappear. They will grow.

Thank for allowing me to be of service as your Alternate Delegate for Panel 58. It has been a powerful experience that will stay with me forever. As I think about the beginning of this panel, I now realize how much my Higher Power wanted me to grow. I am GRATEFUL for this learning experience that you allow me to enjoy!

I do not want to finish my writing without acknowledging that this is our last virtual AWSC for the panel. Some of you might be ready to consider standing up for this position. I want to share the duties and responsibilities that this service position entails. I have included the description from the AFG Area 9 job descriptions. The most recently added responsibilities are highlighted in yellow. Please see below.

In service, your grateful servant -

Elsa G.

1. The main job of the Alternate Delegate is to be prepared to step into the shoes of the Delegate, should anything happen to prevent the Delegate from fulfilling his or her responsibilities. The Alternate Delegate should stay in contact with the Delegate for this purpose.
2. Acts as the Forum Representative for the Area. The Alternate Delegate encourages readership and submission of articles to The Forum . This includes encouraging members to integrate the magazine into their meetings, giving writing workshops, reporting on readership at Assemblies and presenting a Forum poster board.
3. May lead a Friday Night Break Out at AWSC meetings as assigned by the Chairperson.
4. Provides full name, address and phone number for corporate documents.
5. Acts as timekeeper for both the AWSC and the Assembly.
6. Presents the GR orientation at Assemblies. This may include working along with a couple of District Representatives (DR), to give the GR orientation at Assemblies.
7. The Alternate Delegate along with the assigned DR, selects three concerns for Assembly Red Light/Green Light topics which are presented to the AWSC. Aids in facilitating RL/GL at Assembly. See RL/GL Guidelines.
8. Attends officers' meetings and conference calls.
9. Participates in Area Thought Forces, Task Forces, work groups as assigned by the Area Chairperson.
10. At Assembly and AWSC provides motion forms and assists members in proper formatting of motions.
11. The Alternate Delegate is a member of the Board of Directors of NFA AFG, Inc. and as such has legal and fiduciary oversight responsibilities as does the rest of the board members with regard to the corporation.(NFA AFG, Inc.) There are no other assigned duties unless asked to do a specific project/function assigned by the Chairperson of the Board.