



CHAIRPERSON REPORT, Panel 58, OCTOBER 2-4, 2020 VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

Greetings Members of Panel 58 Florida North Area 9 Assembly!!!

I am so grateful to be able to report to you all that Panel 58 is coming to the close of a very successful three years of service to Al-Anon for Florida North Area 9!! It has been remarkable for me to watch us wade through so many obstacles thrown our way especially in 2020 but with the “courage to change” we overcame the status quo and completed the tasks we were challenged to complete. We have done just that remarkably well!! Now it is time to turn over our assignments to others waiting to serve this beautiful fellowship in ways of their own choosing. Rotation of service is a powerful principle of ours and it will be coming to fruition at this 2020 Election Assembly.

But, before that, we have a few other things to complete at our Assembly and some things to look back on that took place during our Panel 58 journey. During Assembly we will be approving the 2021 Budget, approving the Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements and then on to electing the Officers and Coordinators for Panel 61. We have a full agenda as always, but there is room for fun on Friday evening with a workshop on “Humor is a Spiritual Principle”. Also, we will hear from our 2021 Convention Committee on Sunday morning and in addition, on Sunday morning, we are gifted with a Speaker from WSO sharing her ESH. How great is all that!!!

So, let us review again some of the milestones of Panel 58. We had two extraordinarily wonderful Conventions, successful Alateen Conferences and Roundups, trialed one Assembly in 2019, streamlined Alateen AMIAS Training, improved and corrected issues with Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements, moved forward with an active NFA AFG, Inc. Board of Directors with continuing education around that and the Area Charter. We have initiated more transparency with our accounting procedures, performed a financial internal audit, streamlined Archives, established a Document Library and record retention plan, instituted on-line registration for Assemblies and now for Virtual Meetings and held many educational google webinars. These are but a few things that the *members* of your panel have accomplished. I am sure I am leaving many out and for that forgive me. I commend and am so grateful, speaking for Area, to the various members in these service positions who have accomplished these feats. Area 9 is so much improved as a result of their valuable service.

And with all that, then we were affected by COVID-19 as everyone else was and we had to make many adjustments to enable us to perform our service functions. Contracts needed to be cancelled or pushed further into the future, AWSC and Assemblies had to be set up and held virtually. We did that with the grace and talent afforded to this Panel. Our Higher Power was with us every step of the way and it was our trust in our Higher Power that enabled us to complete our responsibilities. So, here we are at this

Assembly to vote in Panel 61 via a Virtual Assembly which is another first for Panel 58. We are so blessed and graced to take part in this. I am confident that we will be successful at this as well as all the other challenges we have met on our journey to this point.

So, let's go forward with this Election Assembly with pride for our accomplishments but with the overarching spiritual principle of humility and the tenacity to accomplish the things we still must do before we turn our beloved Area 9 to the capable hands that Panel 61 will have!

Your Trusted Servant,

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