

**DISTRICT 9 – SERVING POLK, HIGHLANDS & DESOTO COUNTIES**  
**AWSC AUGUST 22, 2020**  
**DISTRICT REP & DISTRICT INFORMATION SERVICES REPORT**

District 9 continues to show strength and unity during the COVID-19 pandemic since March. Several of our AFG meetings immediately found ZOOM or Freeconferencecall.com to provide the much-needed support of our weekly meetings. We met as a District on June 13, 2020 via ZOOM meeting, thanks to the technically capable members of our District. Two trial-runs prior to the meeting were offered to ensure ease and comfort of the technology. Although virtual meetings were new to some District members, everyone was fully comfortable ready to go for June 13<sup>th</sup> – again, due to the coaching and supportive efforts of our District members.

A Nominations and Elections Task Force was created at the February District meeting, and as a result of their work, four (4) Recommendations were presented during the June District meeting. After discussion and questions, the District voted to accept the Recommendations, with a few adjustments, and will be ready to conduct online nominations and voting procedures prior to Area Assembly in October. A special meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> to nominate and elect the incoming officers. Currently, a brief Trial Survey is being circulated among the District to include interest in standing for an Officer position and Chairing one of the District committees.

Some of our District AFGs have slowly reopened for face to face meetings, utilizing safety by wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Since groups are autonomous, several have opted to continue Zoom or virtual conferencing for meetings.

DISL REPORT

District 9 has not had any meetings since our Assembly. I do not have anything new to report, so I am including the info from my Assembly report:

We had our first ZOOM District meeting in June and it went very well. We are all trying our best to do our Service work while Social Distancing.

Public Outreach Chair continues to deliver *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* to Professionals where possible. All Health Fairs that we were planning to attend have been cancelled.

Technology Chair has kept our website up to date with the changes in meeting information. We have Phone and ZOOM meetings going on in our District at this time.

We had a Day of Workshops that was cancelled due to COVID19 that has not been rescheduled and we are still considering if we will hold a Gratitude Dinner or Holiday Party. We may consider drafting a Gratitude Appeal Letter for our District rather than holding these EVENTS. Time will tell.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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