



**Delegate Report**  
**Area World Service Committee**  
**(AWSC)**  
**August 3-4, 2019**



Hello Panel 58 - I am really looking forward to our upcoming AWSC meeting. It's such a pleasure to be with each of you – to share recovery, fellowship and service.

I hope we can all **IMAGINE** the fellowship of a terrific Convention and the support of a spiritual Area Service Workshop. I am excited about both, and really appreciate the hard work being done on our behalf.

I offer here more information from the 2019 World Service Conference (WSC) and the latest from the World Service Office (WSO). I won't be going over all of it at the microphone, but I am happy to be more specific with details if any of you want more information.

- **More from 2019 World Service Conference**

- **Chosen Agenda Item #1.** Board of Trustees Chosen Agenda Item Discussion: Whether or not a group that has a period of meditation or quiet time as part of its format is following the Legacies. Does a group violate the Traditions when it includes meditation as part of its meeting format? Is holding a period of meditation as part of the meeting format an appropriate exercise of group autonomy through its group conscience? What can a group do to assist and advise newcomers should a group use meditation during their meeting? – I will be asking for some feedback on this at AWSC, not for decision making but for information gathering.
- **Chosen Agenda Item #2.** How can we step out of our comfort zone - in this case face to face District and Area Business Meetings - and incorporate electronic participation? You can see some of my requests along these lines below.
- **Thought Force on Fear of Change** – I am on a Thought Force on this topic, and would like to work with any District or Group who would like to experiment with some online service work! I would like to host one or two online gatherings and go over the KBDM questions about Fear of Change. If you, your District or your Group would like to participate, please contact me – [Delegate58@AFGArea9.org](mailto:Delegate58@AFGArea9.org)
- **Welcoming Potential Members** – We had the skit at Assembly and at AWSC we will work with the handout. I hope we can break out into small group discussions, and then meet back as a whole for report-back. This is an ongoing topic at Conference and has been for many years.

- **Information on Alateen**

- Language in the Service Manual is not new policy, just clarified language. New policy language is listed in the World Service Conference Summary and will be in the updated Service Manuals in English, French and Spanish in November. The Concepts guide the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee and the WSO staff in continually updating and clarifying our policies based on our Legacies.
- Transgender issues with teens are for each Area to deal with as they see fit. The WSO does not have a policy. It is being suggested that letting the teens work out what they are comfortable with is a good place to start. And, if any AMIAS has their own difficulties with the issue they can turn to personal sponsors, service sponsors, or members of the AWSC panel for help. Keeping Tradition 5 in mind we have a specific and primary purpose: to help families and friends of alcoholics.
- Financial issues within Alateen are limited only by the same spiritual principles as those for Al-Anon. Alateen is a part of Al-Anon and therefore raising money from within the Al-Anon fellowship follows our Traditions. Tradition 7 encourages us to decline outside contributions – and that would include selling items to people outside of the Al-Anon fellowship.
- Our Area has some catch-up work to do on our Safety and Behavioral Requirements (SABR) as we have not updated with the WSO since 2011. The Task Force on Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements is working with the WSO and should have a report in August and some suggested language to consider in February.

- **Information from WSO and the Board of Trustees that is important for our Area**

- **International Convention Updates** A.A.'s International Convention with Al-Anon Participation July 2 - 5, 2020 Detroit, Michigan Online registration opens September 9, 2019 \$115.00 (USD) \$140.00 (USD) after April 15, 2020 Al-Anon's International Convention with A.A. Participation June 29 - July 2, 2023 Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hope to see you in Detroit and Albuquerque!
- **TEAM Update information** – TEAM, as we know it, has been retired. This has served the fellowship for ten years, and at the 2020 World Service Conference a new format will be unveiled. Please see the Delegate's Corner for more details on TEAM.
- **Road Trip 2019 (Seattle)** – Road Trip: Meet the Board! is an opportunity for Areas to meet the Board of Trustees and for the Board to have their meetings in different Areas. October 18-20, 2019 it will be in Seattle! Registration is open and can be found on the WSO website. Florida North is putting in a bid for 2021. There is no cost to the Area, just an opportunity! I hope we get selected!
- **Resumes for WSO Service** – the WSO solicits resumes two times a year for volunteer positions – from Trustees to committee or editorial support – that are short term opportunities to participate in the work of worldwide Al-Anon. You can find details about the latest resume solicitation in the Chairperson's Nook on our Area website.

- **Meeting List Publishing Policy** - The Board of Trustees and the WSO staff have come up with a policy about publishing meeting lists on the WSO database. Their policy is that any Al-Anon meeting that is registered with the WSO will be published in the search engine. The only exception will be meetings that have gone through an Area process that has determined that a meeting should be temporarily unlisted. This Area Process is autonomous and each Area may (or may not) develop such a process – in cooperation with the World Service Office. This policy is contained in a document on the Delegate's Corner and we will be discussing it at AWSC. A recent survey at Assembly disclosed that 2/3 of the respondents had not read the documents, yet a majority want to create such a policy. Perhaps we can gather more information and discuss to make sure all of us have the knowledge to make an informed group conscience decision.
- **Stay with the Process Document (Chart of Process)** – this chart was made available during Panel 55. It is an amazing document and so helpful, but it does take practice! The Officers recently used it regarding the Public Outreach Project – and we found it very helpful to stay on task, and to clarify what we are make decisions about and what is not for us to decide. I want to highlight it here so that you and your District or Group can add it to your toolbox. Again, I would be happy to arrange an online gathering to walk anyone through it – an opportunity for us to connect digitally and make sure of helpful service tools! Contact me at [Delegate58@AFGArea9.org](mailto:Delegate58@AFGArea9.org) if you are interested.

I know that we all have a lot going on, and sometimes service can be overwhelming. I hope that we can encourage each other to slow down, take the time we need, and to really focus on the spiritual principles of our service work rather than just the result we are hoping to accomplish. When I do this, then service work becomes another opportunity for me to strengthen my relationship with my Higher Power, and I find myself feeling less afraid of burnout and overwhelm.

At AWSC I'd like to hear your thoughts about ways you step back from pushing yourself harder, and how relying on your Higher Power has helped you stay in the flow of recovery through service. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

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