



**Delegate's Report
AWSC August 22, 2019
Florida North – Area 9**



Hello Florida North!

As I'm writing this report for our final Area World Service Committee meeting, I am in awe, I am so grateful, I am sad, I am excited, I am proud of us all, I am humbled and I am feeling so loved – by my Higher Power, and by each of you.

When we began Panel 58 we had some ideas, some hopes and some visions. And we also had no idea that we would be finishing up our Panel holding virtual Group, District and Area meetings: that we would be planning our Election Assembly and Turnover Meetings to be virtual, that we would all have acquired amazing skills with Zooming! Or that we could maintain our close and meaningful relationships in AI-Anon while practicing healthy social distancing.

“Dreaming Big with 20/20 Vision!” has turned out to be a perfect Conference theme for this year!

DELEGATE TRAVEL: There has been no travel! But I have had the pleasure of attending meetings all over the Area and all over the US. I have participated in workshops, speaker meetings, Task Forces, Thought Forces and several different Areas' AWSC and Assembly meetings. I've learned so much about our worldwide fellowship!

As we prepare for the new Delegate to serve for Panel 61 it is impossible to predict what the “norm” will be. I'm grateful we can budget with experience, strength and hope – as well as flexibility, mutual trust and responsibility. I'm excited for all the possibilities.

DELEGATE ZOOM SHARES: I have had two Area-wide Delegate Zoom shares where several of us have gotten together to dive deeper into the different topics that were covered at the first Virtual and Hybrid World Service Conference. I have several more lined up – please check the Area website for the times and Zoom information. I am also willing to open up the topics a little, so let me know if there is something you'd like to talk about in more depth.

DELEGATE CONCEPTS WORKSHOP: I will be wrapping up our Panel-long workshop on the Concepts with this AWSC meeting. We will be focusing on the Warranties and shedding some light on the beautiful, spiritual principles contained in each of these Legacies. Please join me on Friday August 21 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm on Zoom. The information is posted on the Area website. These six workshop handouts can be used to create your own process of looking at the Concepts, each one has quotations from the Service Manual.

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE

- The official WSO Al-Anon Mobile App is making its debut on Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 4:00 pm. You can find it on your iOS or Android app store.
- There are several interactive online sections of the World Service Office website and I encourage you all to log on, log in and share. These online discussions about the Legacies, and our other experiences in Al-Anon recovery, are helping thousands, perhaps millions, of people gain an understanding of what Al-Anon has to offer.
- The World Service Conference Summary is now available online as a free PDF. It is such an abundant document. And I hope you will take the time to read through it. Our World Service Office is working so hard to keep our fellowship at the leading edge of recovery in our time. On a worldwide stage that is ever-changing, this requires all the spiritual principles at our disposal. Service positions, opportunities and volunteer hours on behalf of the fellowship are wide and varied. Please continue with your generous spirit of supporting all the ways we reach out to help the family and friends of problem drinkers.
- We have Public Service Announcements that you can download and share via email or on Zoom calls. If you participate in an online meeting consider showing one of these short videos to the meeting. They are powerful statements of our primary purpose.
- The Annual Report of the WSO is also online, at www.al-anon.org. This vital document outlines all of the hard work done by the staff at the WSO. Reading this document a little at a time can bring into sharp focus the dedication and tireless efforts of those who are serving the fellowship in Virginia Beach. From constant updating and processing of digital technological change, to daily deluges of personal phone calls from members (usually with a problem or concern), to the orderly working through of carefully thought out goals and strategies. Reading the Annual Report allows you to see “good personal leadership” that is so foundational to our 9th Concept and our fellowship’s survival.
- I hope that by the time we meet on August 22 I will be able to share with you information from the July Board of Trustees meeting. That will include updated financials and other effects and changes that are taking place due to the pandemic.

Once again, let me thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Delegate. This time with you and in this position has been deeply spiritual, powerful and such a measure of growth for me. I look forward to serving out the year with love, enthusiasm and lots of excitement for the future!

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