

AFG Area 9 – Florida North Guidelines

District Information Service Liaison (DISL)

Duties of the District Information Services Liaison

In many Districts, the District Information Services Liaison (DISL) works closely with the District Representative (DR) to conduct District business, attends District meetings, communicates with District chairs to connect and share information, and coordinates services and public outreach. DISLs research, answer email and phone calls and redirect information and requests to District panel members. DISLs attend Area World Service Committee Meetings (AWSC) and Area Assemblies as scheduled by the Area Chairperson, and shares information from the Area and World Service at District meetings. The DISL has voice and vote at AWSC, has voice but does not vote at Assembly and District.

As a DISL at District

1. Each District has the autonomy to create specific duties and authority for the DISL position. Please see your District Guidelines for specifics on your District obligations and duties.
2. The DISL and DR work together on behalf of the Groups and Members in your geographic location.

As a DISL at AWSC

1. You are responsible for attending the entire meeting. Meetings are scheduled at the Chairperson's discretion depending on Area needs.
2. You will receive reports, handouts, and information that you will need to distribute throughout the District in line with your District Guidelines on Service Authority for the DISL.
3. You are responsible for having a report to the Panel, emailed by the date given by the Chairperson. This can be a combined report with the DR.
4. You are responsible for reading all reports before the meeting.
5. At the AWSC Meetings, you participate as a voting member of the current panel. Here you are serving the entire Area, not just your District.
6. You will be participating in Thought and Task Forces.
7. You are required to have a regular and dependable email presence for communication purposes.
8. You will need a working knowledge of the Service Manual.
9. You will need to have a thorough working knowledge of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.
10. You will need to be an active member of AI-Anon: who attends meetings and works with a personal Sponsor. It is highly recommended to get a Service Sponsor as well.

As a DISL at Assembly

1. You are there to serve on behalf of your District. Your District pays your way, and you are a vital part of the support network linking your Groups and District to Area and WSO. Your District Guidelines may assign other duties.
2. You will have to register for Assembly.
3. You will need to attend all sessions.
4. You and your DR will receive reports, information, handouts from the Area Panel and other Districts. It is up to your District to decide how the information is channeled back to the Groups and Chairs in your District.
5. You may assist your District in any responsibilities (ie: Fun Shop, Registration, Hospitality, etc.)
6. You are required to participate in Thought and Task Forces on various topics throughout the panel. This will require you to participate outside of the meetings by using email, Google Docs, and Conference calls.
7. At Assembly, you do not vote unless you are also representing a Group as GR. If you are attending as the DISL and a voting Group Representative (GR) your Group pays your expenses (this is an Area financial practice).