

## Legacy Task Force Report January 8, 2017

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A proposed survey regarding future options for the Legacy newsletter and the Legacy Coordinator position was developed. The plan would be to distribute the survey to DRs and GRs by email as well as placing it on the Area 9 website for members to complete. Results would be automatically tabulated and reviewed by the Task Force. This information would be used in making future task force recommendations.

A Task Force member agreed to contact the Area Delegate for DR and GR email addresses and to set up the survey using the proposed description and explanation (see below). Time may be an issue since the next AWSC is February and reports are due soon. We may want to wait until AWSC and after to distribute the survey.

Members of the Task Force will explore other Area newsletters found online to see if any new ideas for their use are present. So far, many look like they cover the same information that can be found on our website and in archives, content that would be redundant.

A cover message to the DRs and GRs would include:

Dear AFG Area9 Group Representative:

The Task Force on the Legacy Coordinator Position is sending you this email to get feedback from all the members of Area 9 about the continuation of the Co-coordinator position for the publishing of the Area newsletter the Legacy.

**Background/Historical Info:** Our Area has had a Newsletter Editor for the Legacy as a Coordinator position since the state split in 1985. Technology has changed over time and the Newsletter Editor position has also changed. Most of the information that was contained in the Legacy is now freely available on the AFG Area 9 website at [www.afgarea9.org](http://www.afgarea9.org). The Legacy Coordinator position has transformed, and Panel 55 thought that it is time to stop and take a look at what serves the Area and make some clarification decisions about the position. A sample of the previous Legacies can be found at <http://www.afgarea9.org/the-legacy.html>

In keeping with Concept 1 “the ultimate responsibility and authority for AI-Anon world services belongs to the AI-Anon groups” and Concept 4 “Participation is the key to harmony”, please send your feedback by April 1st if possible. The results of the survey will be tabulated and included in the Legacy Task Force report to Spring Assembly.

**(The background information will be included on the survey for those who take it online.)**

## Legacy Coordinator and Newsletter Survey

Background/Historical Information: Our Area has had a Newsletter Editor as a Coordinator position since the state split in 1985. Technology has changed over time, and the Newsletter Editor position has also changed. The Legacy Coordinator position has transformed but it is time to stop and take a look at what serves the Area and make some clarification decisions so that the next Coordinator will be set up for success. What we know:

- The Legacy has been a tradition that provides a written record of the history of Area 9 meetings, successes and activities.
- The Legacy provided a printed newsletter for those who may not have access to computers or do not use the computer website
- The Legacy has become a compilation of Coordinators and District Representatives reports
- These reports are now available on the Area website and are kept current.
- Past reports are now available on the Archive section of the website.

A sample of the previous Legacies can be found at:

<http://www.afgarea9.org/thelegacy.html>

Please complete the following questions to help provide input as we discuss this important topic.

Would you like to see the continuation of an Area 9 newsletter

- a. Yes
- b. No

If yes, what would you like to be included in the newsletter:

- a. Sharing group and district successes
- b. Event calendars/ notification of upcoming events
- c. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like it distributed?

- a. Provide a printable version on the Area website
- b. Email directly to DRs and GRs for distribution to the members
- c. Sign up on a protected email list through the website
- d. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, should we consider discontinuing the Legacy newsletter and Coordinator position and dedicate these funds to a new position?

- a. Yes
- b. No