



## PANEL 58, CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT, ASSEMBLY, MAY 4-6, 2018

Here we are at another first for Panel 58!!! This is the first Assembly for our new panel and I am so happy and excited to be representing you as your Area Chairperson. It is a responsibility I am honored to have and can assure you that I will do everything I can to be your "trusted servant".

As I reported at our AWSC Meeting in February, 2018, I have chosen, as our theme for this panel, a quote from *Many Voices One Journey* by Lois Wilson, "It takes one person to start something but many more to keep it going". That's how I feel about our service journey in Area 9. We have been gifted with a healthy, vibrant area and it is our responsibility to keep it going.

We have many exciting things going on in Area 9: our 13 Districts actively give service to all their groups carrying the message to those affected by the disease of alcohol. Our Districts are so healthy and willing to serve the membership.

Our AWSC Meeting in February concentrated on refreshing our principles for those who have been part of AWSC in the past and an orientation for those of us who are new to the process. We reviewed Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) which is the cornerstone of decision making in Area 9. This gives a clear communication link between the membership and leadership to make informed decisions. It's paramount to have our members voice their opinions on decisions needed to be made in our Area. Our meeting was centered on orientation and learning.

We are trialing a number of new things this Panel: Length of time for AWSC! Number of Assembly Meetings!! I will review these trials at Assembly.

We have an exciting Convention in September, 2018 and an Alateen Conference in July, 2018 which you will be updated at Assembly.

At AWSC we initiated one Thought Force in connection with the Area (AI-Anon) Information Service Liaison Service Position and four Task Forces looking at Resolution of the Legacy Newspaper, Registration Guidelines, Growth Enhancement Members (GEMs), Resolution of what parts of Alateen Requirements belong as policy in the Area and what belongs as procedures. The Chairs of these groups will report on progress at the AWSC meeting that will take place in August, 2018.

We have a fabulous new website for you to browse. It is so user friendly! It has so much useful information for you in whatever service capacity you may have. Take advantage of it. Treat it as your friend. Our Group Records Coordinator has initiated on-line registration for Assembly which will cut down on those long lines you have experienced in the past at Assembly registration. Utilize that also!

Our Assembly will enable you to hear from all our Coordinators first hand as to what they do in support of all the members. The Public Outreach Coordinator will present a new Special Public Outreach Project which the GRs will vote on which is very exciting.

We will be holding some orientation and learning sessions on both Friday evening of Assembly as well as at lunch time on Saturday. So, we have a packed filled weekend of learning and fellowship.

We have Red Light/Green Light Questions on Sunday Morning and a Spiritual Meeting on Saturday evening and hope that you will be there to attend every minute!!

Go to the website and review the In Preparation Document posted there in addition to the Assembly Procedures. As I said the website will be of so much help to you to prepare for Assembly. Our Resources Section, Pat A., Technology Coordinator has set up, can help you prepare. As always, BRING YOUR SERVICE MANUAL!!

So, that all being said, I cannot wait to see you all there!!!! I know we will have a superb Assembly because all of you will be there "carrying the message"!!

Your trusted Servant,

Diane C, Chairperson, Panel 58

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