

AFG AREA 9, (Florida - North)  
SELECTION PROCESS FOR  
A SOUTH EAST REGIONAL TRUSTEE CANDIDATE  
(Expedited Version)

**General Information:**

This is the Expedited Process for Selecting an AFG Area 9 (Florida - North) Candidate for South East Regional Trustee (SERT) to the World Service Board of Trustees. The reason for establishing written procedures is to insure that the tradition of Principles Above Personalities is observed. Our goal is to select the best candidate submitted by the AFG Area 9 (Florida - North) Districts.

**District Requirements and Process:**

The Area Delegate provides the current resume forms to each District Representative. They may also be posted on the Area website for easy access to all members.

Each District Representative has access to the resume form for distribution to Al-Anon members interested in applying for the SERT position. WSO asks that all resumes be filled out electronically (the forms are PDF documents). The applicant will submit the resume form to the District Representative.

After the District's consideration, review and approval, the District selects one, and only, one candidate, if any. The District Representative will submit 200 copies of that candidate's resume form to the Area Chairperson no later than Friday evening, time designated by Chairperson, at the Area Assembly weekend. In the event the Chairperson is unavailable at that time and date, the Area Delegate will assume the Area Chairperson's duties for the purpose of receiving the SERT candidate resumes for selection process.

**At the Area Assembly:**

The resumes will be distributed to the voting Group Representatives of the Assembly (GRs) Friday evening for their review before the Saturday Assembly. During the Saturday Assembly, the voting Group Representatives will select one candidate and one alternate, if more than one candidate is available.

**Assembly selection procedure:**

The Assembly will select a Candidate for South East Regional Trustee (SERT) from the group of candidates presented by their District.

- A. The Chairperson begins the selection process by reminding each member of the Assembly that they currently have a resume for South East Regional Trustee (SERT) candidates considered qualified by his or her District.

- B. If there is only one qualified SERT candidate, voting will begin immediately. The candidate will not be present during voting. Eligible Group Representatives of the Assembly will approve the candidate by voting yes or no by secret ballot. If the tallied yes votes cast is two-thirds in favor of that candidate, then the single candidate is the recommended SERT candidate. Note: If the tallied votes do not approve the candidate by the two-thirds majority then there is no SERT candidate. If more than one candidate has been submitted from the thirteen Area 9 Districts, the names of the candidates are written on a display. Candidates will not remain in the room during voting.
- D. Each eligible Group Representative at the Assembly votes for one candidate by first and last name by secret ballot.
- E. Votes are displayed to the Assembly beside the candidate's name after the ballots are counted.
1. On any ballot, a candidate who receives two-thirds of the votes cast is selected as the SERT Candidate.
  2. If there are two or more candidates and a two-thirds majority is not reached on the first ballot: (Note: The District Representative present may withdraw their candidate's name any time after the first ballot)
    - a. A second ballot is taken and a two- third majority is still needed.
    - b. A third ballot is taken if a two-thirds majority is not reached on the second ballot.
    - c. If a two-thirds majority in not obtained on the third ballot, the person with the most votes will become the recommended SERT candidate and the person with the second most votes will become the recommended Alternate SERT candidate.
    - d. The Area Delegate will email or mail the SERT candidate's resume and the alternate SERT candidate's resume, if any, as specified by WSO.

### **World Service Conference:**

At the World Service Conference, a South East Regional Nominating Committee will select the SERT nominee from among the candidates from the Areas of the U.S. South East Region.