

FLORIDA SOUTH DELEGATE

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to stand for the Florida South Delegate's position, you will have had to have previously served as a Florida South District Representative for a full three-year term and as a Group Representative for a full three-year term, both in the Florida South Area - total of six (6) years, and have not have previously served as Delegate for a full three-year term. The Delegate serves for one full panel (3 years), and then for one additional panel (3 more years) on the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) as the Immediate Past Delegate. The duties of the Immediate Past Delegate are at the discretion of the Florida South Area, currently as the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP).

Delegate's Position

The Delegate is a channel through which information flows from the members of the Area to the World Service Office and back again from the World Service Conference to the Members.

The Delegate attends and reports to the AWSC about the Southeast Region Delegates Get-Together (SERDGT) which currently takes place each year on the third weekend in March. The purpose of this gathering (which is not an official part of the Al-Anon program or the activities of the World Service Office or World Service Conference), but is an informal gathering and provides an opportunity for the Delegates to share their experiences with past delegates and to hear the Southeast Regional Trustee give a report on the past years' business. The new delegates have an opportunity to present their Sharing Area Highlights and and ask questions as they are preparing to attend their first World Service Conference. Outgoing Delegates have an opportunity to present the 3-minute talk that they will be giving at the WSC. The SERDGT can be held anywhere in the Southeast Region. Those currently invited to attend are Delegates, Trustees - Past and Present, and Alternate Delegates.

The Delegate attends the World Service Conference (WSC) each year, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, which is generally held in mid-April. The WSC is where the business of Al-Anon is discussed and matters affecting Al-Anon as

a whole are voted on. The Conference is a 5-day meeting starting from early morning to sometimes late at night. Each Delegate is assigned to serve on various Task or Thought Force or a World Service Committee, such as Literature. The Committee you are assigned to lasts throughout the year and a great deal of time is devoted to it both with Conference Calls and additional projects. A report is presented to the Assembly on what occurs at the World Service Conference.

At the Conference the Delegate:

- Attends all sessions of the Conference so that he/she may consider carefully the issues brought up, vote intelligently on them, and thus help to guide the Trustees in making their decisions;
- Tries to get a clear and comprehensive picture of our world fellowship to bring back to his home groups;
- Gains a vision of a great movement in action;
- Learns what our WSO has meant to Al-Anon/Alateen in the past and what it will mean to the future welfare of the fellowship;
- Brings issues of concern to the Conference either through the Conference Leadership Team or directly from the floor in open Conference session;
- Supports the Group Conscious and conveys Conference decisions in an unbiased manner thus permitting members the opportunity to receive clear and accurate information;
- Checks E-Communities on a regular basis for important information from the Conference Leadership Team, etc.

At the Area Level the Delegate:

- Attends 2 Assemblies each year and provides a written report (makes 170 copies regular Assembly/220 for election Assembly) ; discusses with the Area Chairperson how much time to provide on the agenda for presentation of oral report;
- Attends 2 Area World Service Committee Meetings (AWSC) and provides a written and oral report (makes 45 copies);
- Acts as a bridge of understanding that links the groups in the Area with world Al-Anon Alateen to help them continue to function in unity. This

- quite often involves resolving conflicts which arise within the Area;
- Is familiar with the World Service Handbook and has a good understanding of the Traditions and the Concepts;
 - Explains the importance of Service Sponsorship and encourages the panel to have a Service Sponsor;
 - Works with the Area Chairperson to create an atmosphere of harmony on issues affecting the Area;
 - Acts as an Advisor for T.E.A.M. events and participates in the Conference Calls;
 - Attends and participates in the Area Service Seminar and /or T.E.A.M. events;
 - Supports each District Representative and is available to them as well as the Area Coordinators to help them to be successful;
 - Is available to every member to answer questions and be supportive in their quest to understand the business end of Al-Anon Alateen as a process and to aid them in their service journey;
 - Replies to all e-mails and telephone calls in a prompt manner;
 - Attends the turnover AWSC meeting in the third year of the panel;
 - Is familiar with the Florida South Area Bylaws;
 - Turn in accurate expense reports with receipts attached to the Area Treasurer;
 - Attends the SERDGT with the incoming Delegate during the first year as the Immediate Past Delegate.

Please consult the Florida South Area Election Procedures and the 2014-2017 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual for additional guidance.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity! It is an extremely wonderful and rewarding opportunity to serve Al-Anon and Alateen worldwide!