

Delegates Report AWSCM Feb 27-28, 2011

Hello Fellow Members of Panel 49,

It is hard to believe that this is the last year of our panel. I hope your journey in service has been as rewarding as mine. A few weeks ago, I travelled to Raleigh, North Carolina, to attend the Southeast Regional Delegates Get-Together (SERDGT). I heard reports from the Delegates who were there about the problems and the successes in their Areas. We Delegates also learned an important lesson about having an ample reserve as we did not meet the requirement of the contract that was signed. It was decided that although the weather must have played a part, a Thought Force was formed to develop ideas for reducing expenses where possible and to determine a realistic assessment of expenses we might incur in the future and how we could cover those expenses. The Highlight of the Weekend, was to hear our new Southeast Regional Trustee, Paula Burleson of North Carolina give her report. Some of the Highlights of her report were:

1. She is serving on a Thought Force about dual members being able to do work in Al-Anon
2. The Board discussed at length criteria for delisting groups where it is determined that the Group is not following the Traditions as New Members may get a skewed view of Al-Anon. They will be bringing a report to WSC in April
3. AISL's are now supported on e-communities
4. The Chairman of the Board's letter is on the Members Web Site (I believe, Stu put it on FL South's Web Site as well)
5. In April after confirmation from the Conference, Mary Ann Reid will become the Chairperson of the Executive Committee and Karen Rimmell will become the new Chairman the Board. The Board will continue in its effort to create a culture of trust between the members and the Board of Trustees.
6. ECRPM - when they are accessing the condition of the property. No member of the Board of Trustees can be on site at the time they make their review
7. There are Opportunities to Serve as:
 - Trustee at Large - 1 yr appointment
 - Member of the ECRPM Committee
 - Other Committees (ie Public Outreach, Literature etc)

Resumes due WSO August 15th 2011

Resume Applications can be found on the Florida South Web Site or ask me and I will get one to you. Skills needed - you need to have experience on the computer. To be a Trustee you must be a member of Al-Anon for minimum 10 year

A DELEGATE is not eligible for 2 years after they complete their panel On the back of the application form are the qualifications for each position.

Paula defined Thought Forces and Task Force as short term commitments that are Developed on an as-needed bases that members with special skills can participate in. The members with special skills (ie. a good writer, CPA, proficient computer skills etc.)identified from the Unlimited Abundant Resources Skills Inventory and those members who have requested a particular committee are selected. If you are interested, please fill out the survey for Unlimited Abundant Resources Skills on the members web site: www.al-anon.org/members/surveys.php Skills should be updated annually if members are interested in servicing. Forum literature committees members must submit resume by Conference.

Have you seen or heard our PSAs We are working with a new distribution company and it appears that with them getting it out on Cable it is being seen much more widely. For large events WSO will consign a book order for Public Outreach. Today there is a large grouping of grandparents in the fellowship. The importance of the PSA Coordinator developing relationships with the TV stations was discussed.

Let groups know they could be selected to participate in the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse. Some of the questions that will be asked.
Why newcomers begin attending Al-Anon?
What they hope to gain from Al-Anon?
How do they benefit by attending Al-Anon?

Do you know what is available on the Members Web Site? There is so much available we have a responsibility to the membership to make them aware of what is out there (ie Pod Casts, The Events Calendar, Blogs on the Steps, Tradition & Concepts etc)

There are 25,452 Registered Groups Worldwide
13, 286 Al-Anon and 1,031 Alateen in the US. Do you know how many groups are registered in our Area?

There are 9 Areas participating in the Alateen chat rooms. The only Area in the Southeast Region currently is in Georgia. Have your Alateen Coordinator call Mary Lou Mahlman at the World Service Office if there are questions

As you know it will be the 60th Anniversary of Al-Anon. The Literature Committee which I have been a part of has gotten approval for the latest book which will be out by the World Service Conference. The title is "Many Voices, One Journey-60 years of Al-Anon". I am constantly asked about why we don't have Electronic books. It is a matter still under discussion by the Board.

Continue to push the FORUM subscriptions as all of a sudden the subscriptions are declining. The Events Calendar was taken out of the Forum because it is on the Members Website.

I am truly looking forward to participating in the Florida T.E.A.M. event Culture of Trust. I hope you will encourage your members to attend. There will be so much to explore

along the journey at T.E.A.M, And just think when it is over the rate of \$99 in the hotel has been extended for 3 days both before and after our event. What a great gift to have extra time in Orlando. So bring the family and enjoy.....!

In 6 weeks I will be attending my last World Service Conference as Delegate of Florida South. I hope to receive many Love Gifts and cards from you while I'm there. You can't possibly know how important it is for us Delegates to get a note saying that you're thinking of us. Remember the address is:

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront
5700 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23451-2236

It has been a wonderful yet exhausting journey and I sincerely want to express my thanks for this opportunity to provide service to you.

With Al-Anon Love,

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