

Delegate Job Description

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

- Attends the Southeast Region Delegates Get-Together which takes place the first weekend in February each year. The purpose of this gathering, which is not an integral part of the Al-Anon program nor of the activities of the World Service Office or the World Service Conference, is an opportunity for the currently serving Delegates to share their experiences with past delegates and to have the opportunity to hear a report on the past year which is given by the Southeast Regional Trustee, who is invited to attend. The new delegates have an opportunity to ask questions as they are preparing to attend their first World Service Conference. This can be held anywhere in the Southeast Region. I attended this meeting in both Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for 2 years and this last year in Raleigh, North Carolina. A report is presented to the AWSC.
- Attends the World Service Conference each year, in Virginia Beach, generally in mid-April, and 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 late at night. Each Delegate is also assigned to serve on various Task, Thought or Committees 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 Committee or directly from the floor in open Conference session.
- Attends 2 Assemblies and 2 Area World Service Committee Meetings (AWSCM) during the year and presents a report to each. 60-75 copies of the report are needed for the AWSCM and 175 copies are made for the Assembly.
 - 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
 - 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.