

Delegate's Report 8/17/13 AWSC

Good morning to all of you. I am planning on keeping this morning's report short just touching on a few items. I hope this is satisfactory for all.

The Conference Summary for the 2013 World Service Conference, "Our Legacies: The spiritual Journey of Changing "Me" to "We" ", is now available. I have copies for all DRs, Officers and Coordinators. If you find yourself with more than one copy please share your second copy with someone else. You can order a copy from the WSO (or your local LDC may have them). You can also go to the member's website and download the summary.

I hope you will take the time to look at the summary. I try hard in my reports to give you information about what happened at the Conference, but my time is limited. You will find a much more in depth coverage of the Conference in the Summary. One example is the 3 minute talks that the outgoing Delegate's gave during the course of the Conference.

During the Spring Assembly/Convention two task forces were formed. One to working on how we could bring those "Dim and Dark Districts" back into Area activities and the other was to work an application to hold the 2014 July Board of Trustees meeting with a meet and greet session here in New York North. I just want to touch briefly on both task forces.

On the "Dim and Dark" Districts, members of the committee have been visiting meetings in those districts near them. They have talked about the importance of being part of the Area activities, and have listened to what is holding these districts back. There have been many good conversations and much information has been gathered. The task force will be meeting at the Fall Assembly to see where we will go from here.

As far as the Board of Trustees 2014 July meeting and the "meet and greet" with the Board members. The committee has selected Syracuse and Buffalo as the two cities we will submit with hotel information. At present members of the committee are working on compiling the list of three hotels for each city to submit to the Board of Trustees. We are also trying to determine how many

members from NYN would attend the “meet and greet”. If you have any idea of how many you think might attend please let me know, this is part of our bid to the Trustees. Our bid will be submitted before the deadline of September 15, 2013.

The 2013 Al-Anon International Convention was held July 5-7 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. I was so glad that I was able to attend. There were a number of members from NYN who attended the Convention. I have to admit as I walked the halls of the Convention Center I kept looking for faces that I knew. As of yet I do not have the final number of people attending the International, hope to hear shortly.

The next International Convention will be held in Baltimore, Maryland in 2018. I am hoping that when I walk the halls of that Convention Center I will be able to see a lot of NYN faces. Baltimore is so doable!

As I reported in the spring Joan S. of Massachusetts was appointed as the Northeast Regional Trustee for a special one year term. Resumes for candidates to fill the final two year term are currently being submitted. In September these resumes will be sent to Delegates in the Northeast region and the 3 out-of-region Delegates who are part of the Regional Committee. Resumes will be scored and the process of selecting the Northeast Regional Trustee will be underway.

Last year my assignment as Delegate was to the Literature Committee. I loved this assignment. The committee is made up of ten Delegate members, five at-large members (one of whom serves as Chairperson), a Trustee Liaison to the Board and a staff liaison. Currently 3 of the 5 at-large members are serving their 6th and final eligible year on the committee. The committee is looking to fill these positions when they become available in May 2014. So that the transition is a smooth one the search is beginning now. To help with geographic diversity the committee is looking for candidates from the following geographic areas, US North Central, US Northeast, US Northwest, US Southeast, US Southwest, Canada East and Canada West.

Committee Terms run from the 1st of May until the end of April of the following year. Applicants must have their resumes in by January 1, 2014. To get to know candidates and have them be familiarized with the type of work the Committee is involved with they will be invited as guests to the Committee's February/March Conference Call Meeting.

The Literature Committee work involves discussing ways to encourage the use of existing literature among members, evaluating suggestions from the membership for new literature or changes to existing material, and providing guidance in the development of pieces given conceptual approval by the World Service Conference. Committee reviews determine whether or not a piece meets CAL criteria. The value of Committee Members is based on their knowledge of the Al-Anon program, not their awareness of the correct use of the English language.

The requirements for At-Large Committee Membership:

- Continuous active Al-Anon membership for at least the last 5 years or continuous Alateen membership for at least the last 2 years and at least 13 years old. The at-large committee members are appointed to serve one-year terms up to a maximum of 6 years.
- Family members may not serve on the same committee.
- Members of AA may not serve in these positions.
- There is NO longer the 300 mile radius limit to serve on the literature Committee. (Committee business is conducted via conference calls, e-mail and e-communities)
- The ability to attend meetings 4-8 days per year, including weekends (again business is conducted via conference calls, e-mail and e-communities)
- Time and ability to work on committee projects throughout the year.
- WSO committee members are required to relinquish information service, LDC, or Area positions. (GRs and alternate DRs may serve provided they do not serve in another Area capacity)
- At-large members of all advisory committees may come from anywhere in the United States and Canada.

Since there are already Delegates on this committee only one of the at-large members can be a past Delegate. Members who apply should be energetic, dependable, and adept at using e-mail and the Internet.

I have copies of the resume that needs to be completed and mailed to the WSO by anyone who is interested in applying to be part of this committee. I hope that some of you will take the time to think about this step in Service and will complete a resume.

I will be writing about this opportunity in my September Northern Hi Lights article. I loved my time on this committee and hope someone else from NYN will too.

I thank you all for lessening to today's report and want to thank you all again for the opportunity to be the Delegate for New York North.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth S.