

DISL REPORT JULY 2026 :

Wow has the weather changed! Staying cool has become a priority. In July's Forum I read with great interest this quote, " I used to think of change as the ultimate threat to my security, as if my well-being could only be maintained by making sure everything stayed exactly as it was... Looking at Al-Anon's past (75years) has taught me to stop being afraid of change. Our history has also taught me that change need not be painful, and that as long as I hold on to those spiritual principles that are most clearly part of my essential identity, I can continue to change, grow, and transform without fear of losing myself or my way." Awesome! In this season of change, I have the tools to stay COOL!

I have continued to monitor the District E-mail and have responded to several requests for meeting locations.

There are several opportunities posted from different groups and Districts in our area that may be of interest to attend. You may find them at the Area Web Site, www.wafgarea9.org, and some copies will be available at the district meeting.

As the DISL I was able to attend the AFG Area 9-North Florida Assembly met on Zoom June 5-7. Approx. 165 were in attendance and the following information was shared during our time together. If you have never attended an AFG Area Assembly, this is a great example of what Love in Service looks like. The following has been provided by our Area secretary, Lois W.

AFG Area 9 – Florida North
Area Assembly Agenda
June 5-7, 2026

Friday, June 5

Start Time	Item	Duration
6 p.m.	Zoom Room Opens	30 min.
6:30 p.m.	Assembly opens with Serenity Prayer, Legacy Readings, D2 and Announcements	10 min.
6:40 p.m.	Chair Welcome Mark went over the survey that was sent out after the 2025 September in person Assembly. He gave some likes and dislikes. The Likes - • The fellowship and connection with Kathy M. - Chairman of the Board of Trustees • Organized and efficient • Breakouts and Coordinator Reports on Saturday • Timely Topics on Sunday • Everything with the Hotel was nice The Dislikes- • Reports were read directly • Meeting room was crowded • Lack of time for District Reports • Wanted more breaks	10 min.
6:50 p.m.	Fun Shop - Collin by himself - Step 1 Cat in the Hat	10 min.
7 p.m.	Timely Topics - D11 Tom Researched AI-Anon adopted from AA the Serenity Prayer why not AA third and seventh step prayers - See below link for the full topic - https://www.afgarea9.org/2026-june-virtual-assembly.html Questions and comments brought up after the research presentation were: • Big Book is not CAL • Agree on the first, however, groups have autonomy • All philosophies are used in AI-Anon, not just Christianity District 4 will present their topic at the Fall Assembly in October 2026	30 min.
7:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions: • Technology Open Q&A. • Prepare for liftoff! Getting ready for your Convention 2026 experience. • How to help AI-Anon newcomers find a sponsor. • AI-Anon's 75-year history.	45 min.

Saturday, June 6

Start Time	Item	Duration
8 a.m.	Zoom Room Opens	45 min.
8:45 a.m.	Assembly Opens with Serenity Prayer, Legacy Readings, D3 and Announcements	15 min.
9 a.m.	Chairperson's Report Mark read from the new Service Manual on Pg. 158 - He went over who has voice and who has vote and Discussion Procedures. See below links: https://www.afgarea9.org/uploads/4/3/4/9/43490087/guidelines-area_meetings_2002-11-07.pdf https://www.afgarea9.org/uploads/4/3/4/9/43490087/procedures-discussion_procedures_at_assembly_2018-04.pdf - He informed the Assembly Members that there will be 4 choices on the electronic voting: - YES - NO - ABSTAIN - I AM NOT A VOTING MEMBER IF NOT ABLE TO UTILIZE THE ELECTRONIC VOTING MARK GAVE HIS PHONE # SO PEOPLE COULD TEXT HIM	15 min.
9:15 a.m.	Secretary's Report and Panel Roll Call - Roll Call & Motions and Recommendations read from the Sept. 2025 In-person Assembly	15 min.
9:30 a.m.	Alternate Delegate's Report - Mary introduced herself and let the Assembly Members know her position roles briefly. One is the Forum Coordinator. She gave some statistics for Area 9 Florida North Forum numbers. - There are 625 groups who have members who have subscribed and 644 have been mailed out as of the end of May 2026. - Her report is located at: https://www.afgarea9.org/uploads/4/3/4/9/43490087/2026-06_alt_delegate_assembly_june.docx.pdf	15 min.
9:45 a.m.	Treasurer's Report - Steve was in the hospital and not able to give his report. Mark gave the report. It is located at: https://www.afgarea9.org/2026-june-virtual-assembly.html It is password protected.	15 min.
10 a.m.	Registration Confirmation Process, DRs introduce GRs All the Districts went into Breakout Rooms for a count of voting and non voting members. The count was 121 - Voting, 45 - Non-Voting = 165 Total $\frac{2}{3}$=81	1 hr 15 min.
11:15 a.m.	Break	10 min.
11:25 a.m.	Delegate Report Part 1 - See below link - https://www.afgarea9.org/delegates-wsc-p64.html	60 min.
12:25 p.m.	Lunch	1 hr 10 min.
1:35 p.m.	Delegate Report Part 2 - https://www.afgarea9.org/delegates-wsc-p64.html	60 min.

2:35 p.m.	Technology Coordinator Report	10 min.
2:45 p.m.	Task Force: Area Election Procedures and Vote Lois took questions first and then shared her presentation and read her report that was sent out to all the Assembly Attendees on June 5th, Friday Night. . Voting took place after the SERT presentation was completed by Terry F. - Past Delegate. Again there were some questions about the Area adding that voting members and Officer Candidates could not be AA members or previous AA members. Lois Responded with the rationales and charge for this task force was not to address this particular part of the Election Procedures. Lois let the Assembly Members know that the next Panel will need to address this.	15 min.
3 p.m.	Break	10 min.

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3:10 p.m.	Task Force: Review and Update SERT Candidate Selection Procedures By: Terry F. Past Delegate, P49, Trustee & Executive Committee Member See below link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1L-tUlj4lwYF2v3cs_uMzIZY4PV4zMLq6 Block Voting took place for Secretary Minutes, Treasurer's Report, both the Election Procedures and the SERT Candidate Normal Selection Procedures and the Expedited Selection Procedures. Secretary Minutes Vote - 92 Yeas, 0 Nays, 6 Abstentions, 34 I am a non-voting member Treasurer's Report - 105 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Abstentions, 36 I am a non-voting member Election Procedures Update- 102 Yeas, 4 Nays, 3 Abstentions, 33 I am a non-voting member SERT Candidate Normal - 100 Yeas, 2 Nays, 5 Abstentions, 33 I am a non-voting member SERT Candidate Expedited - 98 Yeas, 2 Nays, 5 Abstentions, 35 I am a non-voting member	15 min
3:25 p.m.	Lightside (Convention 2025 Skit and Update)	15 min.
3:40 p.m.	Service Workshop 2025 Update Janie S., DR, D3 gave an update on the upcoming Service Workshop in Sept. 2026. Her Report and Flyer is on the	10 min.

	Area website: https://www.afgarea9.org/uploads/4/3/4/9/43490087/areaserviceworkshop.june.2026.assembly.pdf https://www.afgarea9.org/service-workshop-2026.html	
3:50 p.m.	Open Events - 2027 Alateen Conference D12 - Area Convention D2 - Area Service Workshop	5 min.
3:55 p.m.	Past Delegate Work Group Introduction Report given by Past Delegate Evelyn Torres P61 - see link below on report https://www.afgarea9.org/uploads/4/3/4/9/43490087/pastdelegateworkgroupreport.june.2026.assembly.pdf	10 min.
4:05 p.m.	Open Mike	10 min.
4:10 p.m.	Close	5 min.

Sunday, June 7

Start Time	Item	Duration
8:30 a.m.	Zoom Room Opens	30 min.
9 a.m.	Spiritual Meeting Chaired by Steve K. D12	60 min.
10:10 a.m.	Assembly Opens with Serenity Prayer, Legacy Readings by D9	15 min
10:25 a.m.	Coordinator Reports (10 minutes each - AAPP, Alateen, Archives, Group Records, Literature, Public Outreach, Spanish) See all reports at: https://www.afgarea9.org/2026-june-virtual-assembly.html	1 hr. 10 min.
11:35 a.m.	Breakout Sessions: Learn More about Area Service Positions: - Delegates: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Past Delegates - Officers: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer - Coordinators 1: Alateen, AAPP - Coordinators 2: Archives, Group Records, Literature - Coordinators 3: Public Outreach, Spanish	45 min.
12:20 p.m.	Open Mike	10 min
12:30 p.m.	Chairperson's Wrap Up, Final Announcements, and Adjourn	

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As an attendee, I was able to choose which breakout sessions I wanted to attend. My favorite being how to help the newcomer find a sponsor.

A few Highlights from the Area Coordinators reports:

AAPP: 113 Amias, 28 pending recertifications, and 19 Alateen meetings. The Electronic Meetings for Alateen are being worked on with WSO.

Archives: There is a 3 min video on how to search the Area records on the Web site. Most info you may need should still be at the District Archives.

Group Records: PLEASE use the Group# in all communications.

Literature: Please remind your groups to purchase literature through the Group or District vs Amazon, etc. Check out the Area website for Writing guidelines, a place to share your stories, copyright info.

Public outreach: In 2025 they were able to reach 49 Counties in the area with specific outreach to the public schools. There is a Florida House Bill on Parental Rights in Education that is a stumbling block.

2026- Reaching out to the Judicial System, specifically Judges who can directly refer to Alanon.

* Use past Forums for Public Outreach, or give to the Alt. Delegate who can use them as well.

Spanish: There are 8 in person groups and 1 electronic meeting. They also meet once a month on zoom to share ideas to meet the needs of this growing community.

Technology: Continuing opportunities to learn any and all things related to Virtual meetings, event needs (square payments), and questions regarding Google Docs. etc....

The Timely Topic presentation on Prayer. While we are encouraged to Pray (step 11) we have only adopted the Serenity Prayer. Could Al-Anon adapt other prayers, specifically the 3rd and 7th Step prayers found in AA's Big Book? This was found to not be conference approved. Wonderful, discussion followed, including consideration of each groups autonomy and group conscience.

Spiritual Meeting takeaway: How does Serenity feel physically? (Ground, safe, rested, peaceful, creative...)

Once again, feeling beyond blessed to have received the gift to serve this wonderful recovery community!

In Love and Service,

Deborah J

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