

**AWSC Delegate Report—Barbara T.
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Panel 59 Coordinators: I am thrilled and honored to be your incoming Delegate for Panel 59! Part of the Delegate's responsibilities are to select our Area Coordinators. We currently have 6 of the 8 coordinator positions filled, not counting our Forum Coordinator position which is part of the Alternate Delegate's responsibilities. Our Panel 59 Coordinators are: Alateen Coordinator, Thomas E. from District 11; Archives Coordinator, Leslie H. from District 7; Area Alateen Process Person, Karen M. from District 15; Group Records, Denise C. from District 16; Public Outreach, Angie L. from District 10; and Web Coordinator, Gale S. from District 18. Each coordinator brings strong skills with them appropriate for their positions and I feel so grateful to them for their willingness to share their skills and time to serve Georgia Al-Anon.

We are still looking for members willing to serve as our Newsletter Editor and Literature Coordinators. The only eligibility requirements for these positions are that the person is an active member of Al-Anon, lives in Georgia, and is not also a member of A.A. GR or DR experience is not a requirement, though would be helpful to the person considering one of these positions. The Georgia On Track Newsletter serves as a great service tool for information not only from our officers and coordinators about current activities and events, but as a resource for members to read about what other districts are doing as far as finances, public outreach, Alateen, and increasing member attendance and participation. I found it very helpful as a district public outreach coordinator and district representative to read about what other districts were doing or had tried and how things worked out. Our newsletter is a way for all of our members to hear statewide experience, strength, and hope especially if they aren't able to attend Assembly. Let's not let this valuable tool slip away from us. Our Literature Coordinator is a valuable resource for not only what is happening with current or future CAL, but also to help with Literature workshops either at the area or District level. My district held a workshop a few years ago and invited our Literature Coordinator to come share her story and lead a writing workshop. We wouldn't have had this option without a Literature Coordinator. A Literature Coordinator with the help and support of our GACS office volunteers provides a critical service in having a literature room here at Assembly so members can pick up literature without having to pay shipping charges. The literature room allows members to browse through individual pieces of literature they may not have before purchasing and discuss with our literature coordinator if they have questions.

Areas Developing their own Do Not Refer and Re-Refer Policies: At September's Assembly, Renelle discussed information the WSO sent out about Area's developing their own "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies on having groups removed from the WSO meeting searches and then re-added if they begin to follow Area policies. This is in response to our fellowship reporting an increase within their groups of difficulties with stalking, bullying, financial coercion, and presentation of outside issues including outside literature. Areas determining the need to establish "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies must submit their policies for review if they wish to have them taken off WSO's meeting referral lists. It is up to each Area to decide if they want to develop these policies—it is not mandatory. "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies that Areas have put in place will be reviewed by the WSO to ensure they are within the spirit of being fair and balanced. If it is determined that these policies satisfy the spirit of that guidance, groups will no longer be displayed on the WSO meeting search or given out on the toll-free meeting line. Groups not being referred by the WSO though will remain active and registered. Our Area currently does not have "Do Not Refer" and "Re-Refer" policies, and we do use a link now on our website to the WSO meeting search tool. We no longer have separate website meeting lists. The WSO sent out a document in September, "Do Not Refer and Re-Refer Policy Development Support Materials" that I will be emailing out to all AWSC members. DRs, please share this document with your GRs and allow time for discussion at your district meetings. We will have a brief time to discuss this at January's Assembly and will then determine if the Area would like to establish a task force to research and recommend policies.

October Chairperson of the Board Letter: This is a summary of highlights from the October 2018 Board Week that met this year in Houston, TX. This letter came out yesterday on “In The Loop”, where members can click on this button at the bottom of the email and get all the detailed information.

- **Strategic Plan:** The WSO Senior Leadership Team, Board of Trustees, and At-Large Executive Committee members have clarified the forward direction of our organization and operations of the WSO and how they will work together. They clarified that the Board of Trustees is responsible for the “What” strategic direction and WSO staff is responsible for implementing this. The new strategic plan includes updated Core Purpose and Mission Statements, updated Core Values, and an Envisioned Future, Goals, and Objectives for Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. The Executive Committee, which oversees day-to-day operations of the WSO including services to members, groups, and electronic meetings, is now accepting resumes for members interested in serving as an At-Large member of the Executive Committee. Members can click on the link in the Board letter to get the resume form.
- **WSO At-Large Committee Members:** The WSO is currently accepting résumés for the following committees:
 - 5 At-Large members, Forum Editorial Advisory Committee (FEAC)
 - 5 At-Large members, Literature
 - 5 At-Large members, Public Outreach
 - 2 At-Large members, Audit
 - Participation on these committees offers the opportunity to work with our WSO Staff and Board members on exciting projects in service of our fellowship. The deadline for résumé submission has been changed; all résumés are now due by January 1. This deadline allows adequate time for the process of review, recommendation, and approval of candidates to be completed in April so that selected At-Large members can begin their assignment in May. Selected committees require a one-year time commitment, which runs from May to April each year. Anyone interested can click on the link provided to get a resume form.
- **WSO Financial Update:** The good news is that currently the General Fund is operating at a \$209,936 surplus due to strong literature sales (up 13% from 2017) and some reduction in expenses. More good news is that contributions to the WSO increased in September and are meeting budget predictions for that month. However, the rest of the year must continue to meet the anticipated trend to meet budget expectations. This means that, in order to meet our 2018 budgeted contribution of \$2,000,000, contributions need to meet or exceed a total of \$186,000 per month for October, November, and December. DRs, please encourage your districts and groups to submit contributions to the WSO to arrive before the end of the year to help reach our goal.

This is an exciting time to be in service with Al-Anon. There are a lot of changes that are occurring at the WSO with their newly revised strategic plan, and in our Area with the restructuring of AFG of GA, Inc. To quote a statement from Renelle recently, “Just like the pioneers that founded our program, we today are the new pioneers forging our way into the future”. I am very grateful to be able to serve with you as we grow and learn together this panel.