

VA Area Coordinator's Report

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Informational Items -

Area Webex Accounts:

- The Virginia Area acquired Webex bridges during the shutdown to facilitate the continuance of Alanon (and Alateen) meetings in the Virginia Area while physical locations were unavailable, a situation which was anticipated to be temporary.
- At the January Officers meeting, the decision was made by the incoming Panel to not move any currently scheduled meetings or schedule any new AFG, Alateen or District meetings on the Area's Webex bridges, and to return to the original intended purpose for Webex, which was for Area business only (i.e., Officer meetings, VAWSC, Assembly, area-level trainings, Town Halls, etc.).
- The 10 Districts who currently have meetings scheduled on a Virginia Area Webex account are being encouraged to secure another platform to host their meetings, in keeping with Tradition 7. 2 of these 10 Districts have completely moved off Webex, 3 are in process, and another 4 Districts have only 1 or 2 meetings to move. While no deadline has yet been established to shut down Bridges 1 & 2, we would like to affect this goal as soon as reasonably possible.

Area Email Addresses:

- All Area Officers, Area Coordinators, District Representatives and Liaisons have been asked to use their associated Virginia Area email address for Panel 65 business; these emails have been set up to forward into their preferred email (personal or District).
- Please note that, while emails sent to an Area email address are *forwarded* to your preferred email, they will appear in your inbox as if they were sent directly; several trusted servants have been confused by this, not realizing that they are actually receiving these emails - myself and Martha, our Panel 65 Area Secretary, use these Area emails when sending information.
- All District Representatives should have received an email from (WSO) Conference Dept. "Welcome to AFG Connects—District Representative" and another from (WSO) AFG Records "Welcome DR to Online Group Records!"; both emails were sent in *very* early January and contain information on how to log into those Resources. Please contact me if you are unable to locate these emails or if you have any questions regarding them.