

VA Area District Representative Report

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Date of Meeting: May 17-18
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Informational Items:

Meetings in your District: (total) 14

Face to face: 5

Hybrid: 4

Virtual only: 5

Inactive: 0

Updates since last meeting

New projects, Events planned this year:

- In February, the District conducted a ranked-choice survey of the Alexandria groups to determine the most workable District meeting schedule for the greatest number. As the result of feedback from 10 out of 14 AFGs, we established a *hybrid format, Sunday afternoon meeting time for quarterly scheduled* District meetings, allowing for special topic meetings to be added as needed in between. We held our kick-off, 1st Quarter meeting on March 9th, and 2 picnic planning meetings in April and May.
- Our District picnic is planned for May 31st at Ford Ward Park.
- Successes – We had a good turnout at our first District meeting, with 4 attendees in person and 4 on Zoom. There were 6 GRs and 2 CMAs representing 7 of the Alexandria AFGs. Some of us attend multiple meetings and so in all we had members from 12 of 14 groups present.
- Challenges – a couple of our groups are challenged to grow attendance, which in turn makes it difficult to rotate service or to avoid having multiple

service functions left to one person to juggle. Our one Alateen group continues to bring one or two newcomers about half the time but simply has not recovered to pre-Covid attendance levels of having a regular group of Alateens who keep coming back and get to know each other.

- Goals – to fill the Alternate DR position, and further branch out into other service areas within the District, e.g. Public Outreach. Brainstorm with other VA Districts and the NVSC on how we can perhaps join forces/pool resources (e.g. Spanish-language resources – literature and speakers, AMIAS exchange, meeting space, combined meetings using hybrid ...)
- Working well – the steadfast, dependable support of our District Treasurer who has served over the course of more than 2 term transitions!
- Need attention – Treasurer service rotation and planning ahead for continuity of service – Alternate Treasurer is another position it would be good to add.