

Virginia Area Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups

Position: World Service Delegate

Term: 3 Years

General Description

The World Service Delegate position is the channel through which information flows between the Virginia Area and World Service Organization (WSO). The conscience of Al-Anon can work effectively only if it is informed. Much depends on the World Service Delegate's being thoroughly familiar with the Service Manual throughout his/her term of service. The World Service Delegate brings to the World Service Conference (WSC) the viewpoint of the Virginia Area on matters affecting the Al-Anon fellowship and returns to the Virginia Area with a broader perspective of Al-Anon worldwide. The World Service Delegate is the bridge of understanding who links the Al-Anon Family Groups in the Virginia Area with world Al-Anon/Alateen as a whole to help all to continue to function in unity. The World Service Delegate is the servant of Al-Anon as a whole. Expenses incurred by this position are covered in the Delegate's budget (reference VA Area Treasurer's Report for actual budget amount).

Tasks (Virginia Area)

- Gives the WSC written report to the Assembly for DRs and GRs to be carried back to their groups.
- Presents a report at VAWSC meetings.
- Meets with the VAWSC to learn and evaluate the Groups' reaction to his report and to hear ideas on other pertinent Group, District, and VAWSC matters so as to be better prepared to present the views of the Area at the next WSC.
- The World Service Delegate, in between WSCs, gets the VA Area Groups' ideas through the DRs and GRs and reports his findings through the VA Area to WSO to take any actions necessary between WSCs.
- Serve as a point of contact for public inquiries if the Public Outreach Coordinator is unavailable.
- Sends to the Associate Director - Conference items to be considered for the WSC agenda.
- Submits to the WSO, with postmark no later than August 15 of the year prior to the Regional election year, either the Regional Trustee (RT) résumé or notification that the VA Area does not have a candidate. (Three year trial – 2008-2010)
- Maintain a thorough knowledge of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual.

Tasks (World Service Conference)

- Attends all sessions of the WSC so that he/she may consider carefully the issues brought up, vote intelligently on those issues, and thus help to guide the Trustees in making their decisions.
- Acquires a clear and comprehensive picture of the world-wide fellowship to bring back to the VA Area Groups.
- Learns facts and figures; even more important, he/she gains a vision of a great movement in action.
- Learns what the WSO has meant to the world-wide fellowship in the past and what it, with the guidance of the WSC, will mean to the future welfare of the fellowship.
- Serves on WSO committees at WSC and keeps informed of interim committee meetings at WSO.
- Brings issues of concern to him/her to the attention of the WSC either through the WSC committee on which he/she serves or directly from the floor in open WSC session.

Time

- Twice yearly Assemblies are two-day events.
- Prepare for each Assembly: 6 – 8 hours each Assembly
- Twice yearly VAWSC Meetings are one-day events.
- Prepare for each VAWSC meeting: 6 – 8 hours each meeting
- Semi-annual Officers and Coordinators Meetings are one-day events
- Producing written reports: 1 – 2 hours per event
- Read DOLS
- World Service Conferences are five day events
- Prepare for each WSC: 6 – 8 hours each Conference
- Attend South East Regional Delegates Get Together and gives brief report on WSC.

Position Requirements and Desired/Helpful Skills

- Verbal and written communication skills.
- Computer skills including the ability to maintain spreadsheets and/or databases.

- Word processing skills for producing written reports.
- Proficiency in the use of email for communication.