

Task Force- Reconnecting with our Districts

The Reconnecting with all Districts Thought Force determined there is a need to move forward with strategies to (re)connect our Area with members in all districts. Currently we have 16 Districts and only 8 have DRs. Some of the represented districts do not participate at the Area level. Tradition One reminds that personal progress depends upon unity and unity is fostered through consistent connection.

At the March AWSC meeting, the Area has charged a Task Force to

- Outline ways to understand the organization of groups in unrepresented districts and how/if these groups communicate and stay connected with each other without a District Representative.
- Identify information about the Area and our links of service that Districts might find beneficial in helping them understand the value of connecting with the Area. Suggest ways to share this information.
- Provide ideas for opportunities to connect with unrepresented districts that can be used to foster growth and increase awareness of the benefits of staying connected at all service levels.

Our Task Force consists of the following: Area Chair, Past Delegate, Alateen Coordinator/AAPP, Public Outreach Coordinator, and Group Records Coordinator. We met March 27, April 7, April 14, May 5 and June 2, 2024.

District 15, where our June Assembly is being held, does not have an AI-Anon meeting. Hosting from afar has proved challenging, but not insurmountable, thanks to District 2. We appreciate their help. The Task Force has brought AI-Anon and Alateen Public Outreach information to the Assembly in hopes that it might be shared with the family members of our AA friends who are hosting the Assembly. We plan to hold a virtual discussion with our current DRs to receive their experience, strength and hope about their current role. Past DRs we welcome an email with your perspective if you'd like to share your thoughts with us.

- How does your district benefit from having a DR?
- How do you benefit from being a DR?
- What components are missing in a district when they do not have a DR, or an active DR?
- Would your district be willing to serve as a Service Sponsor for a district that doesn't have a DR? What would this look like? This could include inviting them to your district meeting, visiting their meetings to talk about the role of the DR, (or GR), inviting them to events held in your district to encourage enthusiasm and share recovery, etc.

On behalf of the Task Force,

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