

NORTH FLORIDA AREA SERVICE WORKSHOPS GUIDELINES

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Area Service Workshops are a place to:

1. Find enthusiasm for service
2. Exchange ideas with our counterparts for carrying the message to families and friends of alcoholics
3. Make personal contact with trusted servants, and
4. Present all possible service opportunities to attendees

NOTE:

1. New Officers and Coordinators for the new panel will be chairing a workshop every spring at the Service Workshop
2. Outgoing Coordinators co-chair first workshops with the Incoming Coordinators

Area Service Workshops are not primarily a fund-raiser, however they should be self-supporting.

Area Service Workshops are not a JOB FAIR.

FUNDING

Seed money comes from the North Florida Area Budgeted amount. Proceeds belong to and come back to the North Florida Area.

CAL

Our Area has voted not to sell CAL at area events other than the Convention. A display of CAL provided by the LDC/Literature Coordinator is recommended.

HOST DISTRICT

The host District is encouraged to send a representative to the preceding Area Service Workshops.

You have volunteered as a District, so inform your District you will need lots of participation (the key to harmony). Try to include as many members as possible.

1. Set the date, time and place of the event
 - A. typically held in April
 - B. check dates of the World Service Conference that the Delegate attends
2. Decide on a suggested donation, theme, logo, workshop topics, and agenda
3. Make detailed periodic reports at the AWSC meetings and Assemblies
4. Pass the Service Workshops Notebook on to the next host District.

COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS

Decide on which committees you wish to have (i.e. to have a raffle or not, to have a game at lunch or not, to have a speaker at lunch or not).

1. Food
 - A. decide how breakfast and lunch will be handled
2. Decorations
3. Games
 - A. modeled after Regional Service Seminars
 - B. address issues facing Al-Anon today (not only on information services)
 - C. use the Service Manual
4. Set up and clean up
5. Registration
 - A. takes registrations at AWSC Meetings and Assemblies
 - B. takes registrations at the door
6. Program
 - A. Contacting chairs of workshops (invite speakers, facilitators, and all current AWSC members)

7. Housing

- A. Coordinate housing for those who wish to remain overnight (in homes of members)

8. Publicity

- A. provide flyers and directions to as many members as possible
- B. post in Area Legacy
- C. post on website (local and North Florida)

9. Raffle

- A. Suggest each District donate two raffle baskets
- B. (put in that great thing somebody read at Assembly about raffle or boutique)

SUGGESTIONS

The event should be all day including breakfast and lunch and not ending prior to 4pm.

The host committee is encouraged to have workshops on service related topics (i.e. anonymity at the service level, principles over personalities, Concepts, Traditions, leadership, service sponsors, etc.). The usual convention and workshop topics are discouraged (i.e. sex, steps, detachment, etc.). We would suggest workshops center around member participation, encourage an exchange of ideas and promote the primary purpose.

The host committee is encouraged to have the current AWSC members and past delegates facilitate workshops, perform skits, tell their story. Officers and coordinators are encouraged to share briefly on their duties and then attract participation through personal sharing on their growth through service perhaps at a general session rather than in individual workshops.

The use of the term Service Seminar is discouraged.

AWSC Guideline
North Florida Area
Service Workshops
as recommended
& approved
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