

E-Meeting Host's Report for AWSC Meeting on March 20, 2021

Since assuming the role of E-Meeting Host for New York North on January 1st, I have made myself familiar with the intricate elements of Zoom, the teleconferencing platform we use to conduct the business of NYNAFG. While I am still a work in progress, I am becoming comfortable with Zoom in order to serve as the host of our electronic meetings. With more experience and the advice of some members of our fellowship who know the ins and outs of the system, I hope to be able to service the needs of everyone in the Al-Anon program.

As all of us have had to deal with the ramifications of COVID-19, I think we have found a lifeline in these meetings, no matter what format they may be. I have hosted Zoom meetings for our district (District 26), as well as for meetings connected with the churches I serve with in St. Lawrence County. The ability to talk and share what we are experiencing with people from all over New York State has been a godsend.

I continue to meet with members of the Alateen Interest Meeting (AIM), and I have used my service position as District Representative to use public outreach as a means of keeping us in touch with one another through the exchange of CDs, pamphlets, bookmarks, and the ordering of literature through the WSO Online Store. Our meetings have been held virtually across the board due to social distancing protocols, but the hybrid format has been an alternative that we continue to explore in the days ahead.

As DR, I also receive the AFG Connects emails which I share with my district members. I have also participated in several forums that relate to district business and Zoom concerns.

Our new panel participated in a Meet and Greet on Zoom in February, which gave us a chance to match a name and email with a face on the platform. Our sharing of personal stories and anecdotes that brought us to Al-Anon served as a positive way to bring us together as a cohesive unit for the next three years of our term in service. I look forward to working with all of them in this capacity as E-Meeting Host.

Thank you to everyone for their continued love and support as we move forward into a new chapter of service in 2021.

With an attitude of gratitude,

Mike R.