

## **E-Meeting Host's Report for Spring Assembly on May 15, 2021**

Since assuming the role of E-Meeting Host for New York North on January 1<sup>st</sup>, I continue to make myself familiar with the intricate elements of Zoom, the teleconferencing platform we use to conduct the business of NYNAFG. I am becoming comfortable with Zoom in order to serve as the host of our electronic meetings. With more experience, I hope to be able to service the needs of everyone in the Al-Anon program.

I continue to host 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). Our meetings have been held virtually across the board due to social distancing protocols, but the hybrid format is 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.

I am also including with this report my vision of my duties in this position, as well as the qualifications that help me to serve the fellowship in this capacity:

I believe this position will require me to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Become an expert on how to use Zoom so the members have a better understanding of the key benefits and problems they are trying to solve
- Learn how to schedule and host meetings so members can easily participate
- Provide support and direction for online events that are both remote and on site
- Develop a network of hosts / volunteers who will assist and support participants with the basic elements of the program
- Distribute resources accordingly to support online events
- Assist hosting and training of these events as needed
- Build and maintain key documents, videos, presentations, and other assets
- Work on content and presentations

In order to effectively fulfill my responsibilities, I have the following qualifications:

- Self-motivated and highly detail oriented, with excellent written and verbal communications skills
- Thirty-six years of experience teaching English Language Arts in various public schools in New York State
- A natural curiosity to always learn more
- An ability to multi-task like nobody's business
- High level of comfort presenting in front of large and small crowds
- Team player with strong interpersonal skills
- Grateful member of Al-Anon for the past ten years (and counting!)
- District 26 Group Rep, District Rep, and Public Outreach Liaison
- New York North Literature Coordinator for the past three years
- Author of eight books on Amazon

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

With an attitude of gratitude,

Mike R.