



# NORTH CAROLINA / BERMUDA AL-ANON / ALATEEN AREA WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE

## World Service Delegate

The North Carolina / Bermuda Al-Anon / Alateen Area Bylaws, Article VII, Officers, Section 7, define the role of the Delegate as:

“The Delegate shall attend all sessions of the World Service Conference and provide a report to the Assembly. The Delegate is the link between the Area and the World Service Office. The Delegate shall also perform such other duties as from time to time be prescribed by the Chairperson or the Board of Group Representatives and described in the Al-Anon / Alateen Service Manual.”

### Area World Service Committee (AWSC)

- The Delegate has vote on the AWSC.
- The Delegate is assigned to the Fellowship Communication Service Arm.
- The Delegate’s expenses for AWSC activities related to transportation, meal and hotel are reimbursed through the Area Treasury.
- The Delegate is assigned to the Speaker Selection Committee of the North Carolina / Bermuda Al-Anon / Alateen Convention.
- The Delegate prepares (in October or according to the Area Treasurer’s schedule) a list of anticipated expenses for the upcoming budget year.
- The Delegate has access to an e-mail account for AWSC communications or arranges to have an “e buddy” who will receive e-mails on his or her behalf.
- The Delegate regularly checks the area G-mail account or arranges to have these e-mails forwarded to a personal account.
- The Delegate prepares a written report for each issue of the Area Newsletter. Type size, font, and deadline are determined by the Area Newsletter Editor.

### Area Assembly

- The Delegate has one hour at Fall Assembly and two hours at Spring Assembly to report the activities of the World Service Conference (WSC).
- The Delegate’s expenses related to printing of the report, transportation, meal and hotel are reimbursed through the Area Treasury.
- The Delegate visits Bermuda once during his or her term in office. It is suggested that the visit is made during the second year. There is a separate line item on the budget for this visit.
- The Delegate requests “Chosen Agenda Items” from members of the Area for consideration as topics at the World Service Conference. These items are based on concerns affecting Al-Anon and Alateen members that cannot be answered in the service manual or by group / Area autonomy.
- The Delegate submits to the WSO, no later than August 15 of the regional election year, either the Regional Trustee (RT) résumé and “Regional Trustee Service Position Acknowledgment Form” or notification that the Area does not have a candidate.

### World Service Conference (WSC)

Page 55 of the 2006 - 2009 Al-Anon / Alateen Service Manual states, “Delegate members attending the WSC are chosen by the groups through a series of elections, and in this truly democratic manner are entrusted by the group conscience in accordance with Concept Three to make decisions for the fellowship worldwide.”

- The Delegate attends the World Service Conference annually for approximately one week. The expenses related to transportation, meals and hotel are reimbursed through the equalized fund that the Area Treasury pays to the World Service Office. The Area Treasury reimburses the Delegate for one additional hotel night so that the Delegate may travel to the World Service Conference early and be properly rested. The World Service Office provides a daily “per diem” to the Delegate for reimbursement for tips, snacks, etc.
- The Delegate may carry (or send) Love Gifts to the World Service Conference. This can be either in the form of items made by members of the Area or monetary Love Gifts (contributions) for the collection basket from members, groups, and/or districts that are sent to the Delegate. These contributions and a check for \$75 from the Area Treasury are placed in an envelope with a thank you note to WSO for all they do for Al-Anon Family Groups. The Delegate sends a “thank you” note to the contributors.
- The Delegate is appointed to a service arm, committee or task force of the World Service Conference and completes all assignments between the Conference and conference calls.
- The Delegate is responsible for reading all material provided by the World Service Office prior to attending the World Service Conference.
- The Delegate prepares a report on Area activities for the “Area Sharing Highlights” session that occurs the night before the opening of the World Service Conference.
- The Delegate participates in activities that have been accepted at the World Service Conference such as sponsoring a new Delegate once he or she has been a Delegate for at least one year, presenting a three-minute talk on the Conference theme the last year at Conference, or chairing a discussion group or Al-Anon meeting.
- The Delegate orders sufficient *Conference Summaries* for all members of the AWSC. Past Delegates receive a copy through WSO. The *Conference Summaries* are distributed at the AWSC meeting and mailed to AWSC members who were unable to attend.
- The Delegate sends postcards to the AWSC while at Conference. The preparation of stick-on address labels prior to leaving for Conference makes this less time-consuming.
- As time permits, the Delegate e-mails the AWSC members with information about how the day (or last couple of days) has progressed, a little about the schedule, etc. This is a way to make the World Service Conference real to those who aren’t there.
- The Delegate is assigned to a member of the Board of Trustees who is responsible for answering questions and assisting the Delegate in preparation for the World Service Conference.
- The Delegate keeps the WSO informed of all Area officers’, coordinators’ and District Representatives’ names, addresses and telephone numbers.
- The Delegate is the link of communication between WSO and the AWSC. This is accomplished by forwarding mail and e-mail to the AWSC.

### **Southeast Regional Delegates Get Together (SERDGT)**

The purpose of this meeting is to prepare the Delegate for conference.

- The Delegate attends the Southeast Delegates Get Together.
- The Delegate’s expenses related to transportation, meal and hotel are reimbursed through the Area Treasury.
- The Delegate takes the WSC notebook and *Conference Summary* to the SERDGT.
- The Delegate prepares a short report on:
  - Area activities
  - WSC service arm activities