

2020-08-16 Website Coordinator Report to AWSC.

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From January 22 to March 30, 2020, the Area 22 the Website Coordinator upgraded and redesigned the state website. As the Covid-19 pandemic spread, local websites have taken the forefront in the dissemination of local meeting information as the State sites and WSO site could not possibly keep up with the almost daily changes that were occurring. It is becoming clear that the main function of the LA State website is to make available to our members the documents and information needed to conduct the business of the Assembly. For this reason, the reports to be presented at the August Assembly have been placed under the Members section of la-al-anon.org. In much the same manner as the minutes and Financial reports have been made available.

Beginning in March, when the focus became on virtual meetings for groups, the next natural step for Areas was the planning of Virtual Assemblies. A pattern developed that Area Website Coordinators absorbed this responsibility. At the end of June, the Area 22 Chair appointed the Website Coordinator to form a planning committee for Louisiana's first virtual Area Assembly. That planning committee came to be referred to as the Area 22 Tech Team. On 1 July, the Team opened a Zoom Pro account for \$16 per month. Two weeks later, the Team opened a second Pro account as a backup so that two individuals could schedule and start meetings for Louisiana

AFG. It was generally agreed upon in committee that in the future the second license may only be needed during Assembly months. I would suggest to Assembly that the main Pro account be maintained year-round and that Assembly look for ways to achieve its maximum usage for such things as Action Committee Meetings, Officer Meetings, and such.

During July, the Tech Team which began with six members began to design the August Assembly. On 28 July, the Team began a series of training sessions to preview the Assembly schedule and to let members become more comfortable with using the Zoom platform.

The Website Coordinator would like to suggest that the Tech Team become a standing committee charged with addressing all present and future digital strategy issues facing the Area.

Submitted by GW,

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