

Guidelines Coordinator Report – Fall 2025

In the time since the Spring Assembly the guidelines committee set out to review and change the Elections Guidelines. At first, we thought we were going to dive into the world of virtual meeting (hybrid) voting, but after long discussions and correspondence we have deferred that to another day.

We focused on simplifying the process on the day of the voting, the verbiage of the document, and eligibility of the candidates. The updated document will be voted on during this assembly.

Since this position is up for rotation of leadership, I want to let you know that the committee made this job very easy. The workload is not much, but it is valuable! I spent a few hours reviewing each of the guidelines when I was first appointed and then sent out an email to the AWSC committee members asking them to review the guidelines within their responsibilities. After receiving feedback, we started to prioritize guidelines.

In the three years of the panel our committee met via zoom a handful of times for no more than an hour each time. We pushed through the hosting assemblies' guideline, helped streamline the budget guidelines, assisted with the policy/procedures of USAW and requested that UTAC also produce policy and procedures for the entity. We also made changes to the elections' guidelines.

In total I might have spent 12 - 15 hours* doing 'my job' over the last three years. I learned so much about the Utah Area's strengths and weaknesses regarding guidelines. There is more work to be done to protect the Al-Anon principles and traditions through the guidelines. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone that wants to understand better the 'behind the scenes' workings of the Utah Area and or someone that loves to solve riddles....this job will give you opportunities to solve puzzles within the intent of a document, a standard, or traditions. * Gotta add a few AWCS committee meetings, so maybe 20 hours.

I will close my report by thanking the committee members, Kim P, Ked K, and Lori G. What an outstanding job you have all done!